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Iraq: No deadline extension for U.S.

By HAMID AHMED
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq will not extend the June 30 deadline for U.S. troops to withdraw from urban areas despite concerns about a resurgence of violence in recent weeks, a spokesman said Monday.

The government has insisted it is committed to the timeline laid out in a U.S.-Iraqi security agreement that calls for American forces to pull back from urban areas by the summer and from the rest of the country by the end of 2011.

But a series of high-profile bombings have cast doubt on the readiness of Iraqi forces to take over security responsibilities. In particular, U.S. commanders have pointed to the volatile northern city of Mosul as a possible exception to the withdrawal plans.

Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh, however, said the deadlines were "non-extendable."

"These dates cannot be extended and this is consistent with the transfer and handover of responsibility to Iraqi security forces," al-Dabbagh said.

Underscoring the dangers, two car bombs exploded almost simultaneously in Baghdad near the oil ministry and a police academy, said police officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

At least three people were killed and eight wounded in the attacks, according to the U.S. military.

North of the capital, a Sunni tribal group that turned against al-Qaida in Iraq postponed plans to disband Monday after receiving reassurances that its leader would be released, the acting chief said.

The move could avert the latest showdown between Iraq's Shiite-dominated government and the Sunni groups that have accused it of unfairly targeting its members for past bloodshed.

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JAMES WARDEN/Stars and Stripes

An Afghan man thanks a Humvee gunner who gave him a hand-crank radio during a patrol Saturday in Paktia province, Afghanistan. Soldiers are distributing the radios so locals can listen to U.S.-created stations that try to counter Taliban propaganda.

Breaking radio silence

In the battle for Afghans' allegiance, U.S. troops lost every time a Taliban broadcast spun a story first. Now, free radios and U.S.-run stations are telling the other side. Page 3

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"This is very irresponsible on their part to try to contort something out of video of a service and a Bible study class on a U.S. base for U.S. soldiers a year ago."

— Col. Gregory Julian, spokesman for U.S. forces in Afghanistan, on an Al Jazeera report. The military says a soldier's Bibles were confiscated before he could distribute them to Afghans

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Students get hands-on culture experience

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Students at the base's Joan K. Mendel Elementary School got a good look at Pacific culture Monday from about 150 volunteers during the school's annual Japandasia festival.

From calligraphy to karate, Mendel students moved from classroom to classroom to experience more than 20 different cultural

activities. Some were hands-on, as students tried making kappamaki rolls and kokeshi dolls.

"I think it's really interesting because I really don't know much about [Asian culture]," said 9-year-old Chloe Byrd, a third-grader.

Alongside traditional Japanese undertakings, such as flower arranging and a tea ceremony, there were also events from other cultures, including Philippine and Hawaiian

dancing and lei making.

"It seems like everyone is enjoying seeing the different cultures," said Japanese culture teacher Susumu Sunaga, who added that the event's name comes from the combination of the words Japan, Asia and panda, the school's mascot.

"By doing these kinds of activities they are able to learn that people are all friends all over the world," he said.



Charles Murphy, 10, strings a paper flower on to a Hawaiian lei.



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Joan K. Mendel Elementary students watch an ohayashi show at the school's Japandasia cultural festival. Top right: Fourth graders Asanti Wiley and Cheyanne Baldini try their hands at Japanese calligraphy. Right: Students take part in a karate demonstration.



Iraq: Violence spike worrisome as withdrawal nears

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Any step back by the so-called Awakening Councils could leave areas more vulnerable to attacks from insurgents, who have sharply increased bombings in the past month.

The Awakening Councils, which originally were funded by the U.S. military but are now the government's responsibility, are considered a key factor in security gains over the past two years.

But tensions have risen over arrests and allegations that the government has not come through with pledges for Sunni reconciliation and offers of official security posts to members of the groups.

Mullah Nadhum al-Jubouri, the

leader of the Awakening Council in Duluyah, and his two brothers were arrested Saturday by U.S.-Iraqi forces.

A U.S. military statement did not mention specific allegations against the three but said they were wanted for "terrorism."

But Iraqi officials said the charges included carrying out attacks in 2005 and 2006 such as the downing of a U.S. helicopter and targeting a police station near Duluyah, about 45 miles north of Baghdad.

Sunni leaders denounced the arrests as a sign the Shiite-led government may be more interested in settling past scores than finding reconciliation.

Acting Duluyah Awakening Council leader Mohammed Khalil Ibrahim threatened to disband the group in the area they control north of Baghdad unless its leader was freed by early Monday.

But Ibrahim said Monday that he had met with al-Jubouri at the police station in nearby Balad and was told orders had been issued to release him soon.

The group had canceled a meeting planned for Monday to announce its plans to disband after hearing the news, he said.

The arrests raised new questions over how to sort out the messy histories of the thousands of tribal fighters who went from

enemies to allies.

Some Awakening Council members were active in the insurgency or sympathizers before becoming disenchanted with al-Qaida's widespread attacks on civilians and their reliance on non-Iraqi leaders.

An amnesty law adopted last year allows officials to clear the slate for some past offenses, but does not cover allegations such as terrorism, kidnapping and rape.

"We ask the government to release him," said another of Nadum al-Jubouri's brothers, Mahir. "He had a role in defeating al-Qaida. Does he deserve to be arrested?"

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'First with the truth'

U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan set up transmitters, hire local talent and hand out radios to Paktia residents to beat the Taliban at the news game

By JAMES WARDEN
Stars and Stripes

PAKTIA PROVINCE, Afghanistan — Residents in rural Paktia province got a treat when soldiers with Troop B, 1st Squadron, 40th Cavalry Regiment rolled past their grazing lands during a three-day patrol this weekend. Afghans more accustomed to receiving supplies of food and blankets beamed when they saw that the boxes soldiers gave them actually contained small radios.

The radios aren't intended to help the Afghans listen to their favorite tunes, though. They're part of a top-to-bottom system aimed unabashedly at getting the official Afghan and American story out to Paktia before the insurgents have a chance to weigh in.

It's a public relations battle that analysts once said Americans were losing because of a too-rigid adherence to hierarchy. Broadcasts would take too long to be approved, they said.

The Americans have set up transmitters across the province in eastern Afghanistan, hired local employees for the stations and developed a process to put out information updates on incidents such as roadside bomb explosions. Maj. Herb Skinner, the 1-40 executive officer, said the system is key to combating Taliban misinformation that often blames coalition forces for civilian deaths caused by its own attacks.

Taliban propagandists even take advantage of failed attacks, said 1st Lt. Josh Payne, the 1-40 information operations officer. A couple of weeks ago, the Americans didn't do an announcement after a roadside bomb detonation because the explosion didn't hurt anyone. The Taliban, however, put out their own message saying that people died and two vehicles were destroyed.

"If we don't send anything out, they're going to make up what they want the people to hear," Payne said.

The military has occasionally been accused of blurring the line between propaganda and public affairs and information operations.

Payne said the broadcasts are squarely in the more-benign information operations category. They broadcast details about coalition forces mistakes, such as when a mortar accidentally kills civilians, as well as Taliban attacks. The whole strategy, he said, is to be "first with the truth."

"We're not trying to deceive anyone," Payne said. "We're just trying to get the news out there. ... We'll jazz it up to put the blame on the bad guys, but we stick with the facts."

The radio approach is particularly suited for Paktia. The eastern Afghanistan province is an extremely rural area where most

communication is done by word of mouth, Payne said. Newspapers and TV stations are rare outside Gardez, the capital and the province's largest city. Even radio is uncommon; Gardez and Zormat are the only cities with good access to local stations.

"Except for those two areas, there's really not a lot of competition," he said.

The foundation of the whole system is what the Americans call a "60-minute battle drill." Payne's unit writes a radio story as soon as an incident happens and e-mails it to the line units so their disc jockeys can broadcast the news — all within an hour and sometimes in half that. Meanwhile, American leaders contact the subgovernor, the head of a district, to let him know about the incident and ask for advice on how to handle it.

They're also careful to follow up on the story so the Taliban can't insert their own twist later. News alerts might tell listeners about a wounded neighbor's status — and how they're being tenderly cared for in an American hospital.

The follow-up alone can generate a public following as in the golden age of radio. Listeners

tracking the story of a little girl who fell into a cooking pit sent a box of thank-you letters after they heard U.S. forces took her into a combat outpost and flew her to medical care.

The Americans have hired a local crew to broadcast local programming that will have people listening to the stations when a news alert comes over the air. Each troop is supposed to have two locals working on the radio, and that will climb to three in the coming days. One is the actual DJ. The second is a journalist who interviews local officials for re-broadcast over the air. The third is a technician responsible for keeping the equipment running.

Troops in rural areas lack DJs, though. Capt. Gary McDonald, the Troop B commander, said the long drives and lower standard of living away from the cities made it hard to keep employees in these areas. Instead, a continuous loop of music can keep the people entertained while interpreters can get the message out in a pinch.

Programming is heavy on national news, which Paktia residents love but have a hard time getting. The stations also have religious programming, children's



A hand-cranked radio that can also run off solar and battery power sits on a box of items soldiers with Troop B, 1st Squadron, 40th Cavalry Regiment gave to a man Friday in Paktia province, Afghanistan. U.S. units have created local radio stations and are distributing free radios to their own information out there before the Taliban do.

shows, sports and lots of music. Gardez has an agricultural call-in program in which the brigade's agribusiness development team offers tips to local farmers, a particularly popular program in an area where farming and herding dominate the economy.

Payne said he uses a light touch with regard to programming and rarely tells the local staff what to

play because he wants staff members to be the face and voice of the stations. A lot of them even write their own stuff.

But American cultural advisers listen to the programs to ensure that the DJs don't broadcast anything the Americans don't want out there.

To make sure residents can actually catch the broadcasts, line units distribute the small hand-cranked radios that can also run off solar and battery power. Soldiers with the 1-40 have distributed 1,200 radios in the three months they've been in Paktia. Leaders were careful to choose a type that insurgents can't use to detonate roadside bombs.

Payne prefers that the Afghan army or police hand out the radios and explain how they work and what station to tune in to, although members of Troop B simply passed them out from the Humvee turret to ecstatic local residents.

Like the radios, the transmitting equipment is relatively modest technology, similar to what a stateside ham radio operator might own. Small combat outpost FM setups run about \$5,000. The AM transmitter at Forward Operating Base Gardez is a more substantial \$50,000 rig that has a farther reach.

The price is well worth it to McDonald. The area he controls has seen little American presence in the past. Troop B soldiers are trying to change that, but it takes hours just to get to the most remote villages. They'll likely never be able to hit each village as much as they'd really like. But the radio — along with humanitarian aid and other efforts — gives McDonald a sort of virtual presence to remind villagers that coalition forces are nearby.

"Presence is something you have to establish and maintain. You can't just pass through," McDonald said. "[The radio station] shows presence even when I'm not there."

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Pfc. Thomas Castillo, a communications soldier with 1st Squadron, 40th Cavalry Regiment, sets up a transmitter that will be used to broadcast news on key incidents before the Taliban have a chance to add their own spin.

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Sex assault task force visiting Pacific bases

Prevention, response programs evaluated

By ASHLEY ROWLAND
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL — A group studying the effectiveness of the military's sexual assault prevention programs and how those crimes are reported is in South Korea this week.

The Defense Task Force on Sexual Assault in the Military Services is nearing the end of its yearlong tour of Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force installations around the world.

Members are studying whether different commands' mandatory sexual assault prevention programs work, or whether they're "a punch-the-ticket, do-it-online type of training," said Louis Iasiello, task force co-chair and a retired rear admiral.

The group also is looking at whether those programs should be standardized for the entire military and administered by the Department of Defense. Each service now has its own prevention program that is tailored to meet its culture, he said.

The task force is meeting this week with officials and sexual assault victims at Yongsan Garrison, Camp Humphreys, Camp Casey and Camp Red Cloud.

Members will travel to Okinawa on Saturday, and make their last stop in the Pacific on Guam. The task force will make its final site visit in June, and is expected to present its final report and recommendations for reducing sexual assaults to the secretary of defense and Congress this fall.

Congress ordered the military to formally address sexual assault within its ranks about five years ago, but little progress was

Speaking out

If you are the victim of a sexual assault and want to speak with a member of the task force, contact your command, the 8th Army Public Affairs office, or Louis Iasiello at the Dragon Hill Lodge. You can also call 1-888-325-6640 or go to www.dtic.mil/dtfsams for more information.



Louis Iasiello

made, according to a Government Accountability Office report issued last year.

In a congressional hearing in August 2008, lawmakers were highly critical of the DOD's lack of progress in addressing sexual crimes.

Iasiello said staff are still gathering facts, but the military has clearly become more responsive to victims who report sexual assaults.

"The response part of this seems to be working pretty well. The reality is, we're much better at offering victim care than we were a few years ago," Iasiello said.

He pointed to the "restricted" reporting option that allows sexual assault victims to get counseling and treatment without launching a criminal investigation or having their commander notified. That is "countercultural" to the military, where commanders want to know what happens within their ranks, he said.

The restricted reporting option is available for servicemembers, but not for civilians.

The task force made stops at bases in the Middle East, including Iraq, to study sexual assaults

in combat zones. The size of bases there varies widely, and it may be harder for troops at smaller bases with fewer facilities to report sexual crimes than for those stationed at larger bases, Iasiello said.

"The question is, do people in these more remote areas, do they have the same reporting mechanisms available to them?" he said.

The task force also is interviewing sexual assault victims to learn how their cases were handled. At their last stop in the Tidewater area of Virginia, Iasiello said, members interviewed two or three victims.

Staffers will soon fly to Arizona to meet with victims from that region who have contacted the task force.

They're also studying sexual assault prevention programs at private industries and colleges, because students typically are in the same age bracket as many servicemembers, Iasiello said.

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Craig Arnold, an assistant professor of English at the University of Wyoming and a published poet, has been missing on the Japanese island of Kuchinoerabu-jima since Monday. University officials said Friday that the search for Arnold is ongoing. He was researching a book on volcanoes when he went missing.

AMANDA ABEL/AP

Search continues for U.S. professor missing in Japan

By DAVID ALLEN
Stars and Stripes

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — The search continued Monday for a missing American hiker on tiny, volcanic Kuchinoerabu Island, but local police and residents have found little sign of the man.

Craig Arnold, a 41-year-old poet and University of Wyoming assistant professor, was last seen on the island April 27, arriving by ferry to continue a five-month trek to Japan's volcanoes.

Kagoshima Prefectural Police spokesman Yoshiyuki Kuzuhara said the only clues searchers have found so far are footprints going up a path to the mouth of the active volcano.

A search of the mountain's rim turned up no sign of the man.

After arriving on the island, Arnold checked in at a local guest house and paused for a cup of tea, then left his baggage and headed alone on foot to Mount Shindake, a 2,170-foot active volcano.

He had planned to hike for two hours and was wearing only a windbreaker, the innkeeper told police. He carried two walking sticks and no food or water.

It is believed that Arnold wandered off the trail at nightfall.

Rescue teams have been using infrared techniques to look for any signs of life, but Kuzuhara said search activities have been extremely difficult in the thick jungle and rugged terrain.

Kuzuhara said Arnold's brother arrived on the island Sunday and joined about 40 police officers and islanders in the search.

Kuzuhara discounted reports that Arnold may have accessed his Facebook Web page by satellite phone on April 30.

"The cell phone Mr. Arnold has with him is a SoftBank phone, and the island is totally out of its service area," he said.

Arnold was doing research for a lyrical book on volcanoes and kept a blog of his travels called "Volcano Pilgrim" at <http://volcanopilgrim.wordpress.com>.

The island is a popular tourist destination with numerous hot springs. However, warnings are posted on the mountain trails to deter hikers from climbing to the volcano's rim.

Kuzuhara said Mount Shindake is "a very dangerous place" with frequent releases of sulfur gas.

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Afghan President Hamid Karzai, right, sits as he waits during his registration for re-election at the election commission office in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Monday.

Karzai registers for re-election

By JASON STRAZIUSO AND RAHIM FAIEZ
The Associated Press

KABUL — President Hamid Karzai registered as a candidate for Afghanistan's August presidential election Monday, a vote he would appear in a strong position to win given the lack of high-profile candidates he is likely to face.

But Karzai's selection of powerful warlord Mohammad Qasim Fahim as his new vice presidential running mate drew immediate criticism. Fahim was a top commander in the militant group Jamiat-e-Islami during Afghanistan's 1990s civil war.

A 2005 Human Rights Watch report, "Blood-Stained Hands," found "credible and consistent evidence of widespread and systematic human rights abuses and violations of international humanitarian law" were committed by Jamiat commanders, including Fahim.

Karzai was "insulting the country" with the choice, the New York-based group said Monday.

"To see Fahim back in the heart of government would be a terrible step backwards for Afghanistan," said Brad Adams, the group's Asia director. "He is widely believed by many Afghans to be still involved in many illegal activities, including running armed militias, as well as giving cover to criminal gangs and drug traffickers."

The U.S. Embassy would not comment on the selection of Fahim, saying it wasn't helpful for the United States to comment on individual candidates. However, a U.S. statement said, "We believe the election is an opportunity for Afghanistan to move forward with leaders who will strengthen national unity."

Karzai's popularity has waned in recent years, as civilian casualties caused by international military forces have increased and charges of government corruption persist. But so far no candidates who could challenge Karzai's hold on power have registered for the Aug. 20 vote. Candidates have until Friday to register.

Experts: No quick fix for problems in Somalia

By SANDRA JONTZ
Stars and Stripes

Recent pirate attacks in the Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden finally have turned the world's attention on Somalia after years of the war-ravaged country being ignored, East African experts say.

Piracy is the unfortunate, albeit headline-grabbing, symptom of a much larger concern of a nation rocked by poverty and governmental instability.

While there are some short-term solutions to fighting piracy, a military offensive won't resolve the issue, experts say.

"It's not a military solution," said Roger Middleton, a Horn of Africa expert with the Royal Institute of International Affairs Chatham House think tank in London.

"There are things a military can do to make it safer, harder for pirates, but that's not the solution."

The first thing that needs to happen is changing the approach to Somalia's problems, he said.

"When Somalia hasn't been ignored, which, in fact, it has mostly been ignored ... there were attempts to contain Somalia without attempting to help it," Middleton said in a telephone interview. "That approach has failed."

There have been nearly 20 peace processes in Somalia, but none has been successful, he said.

"There has never been high-level engagement by the world, such as there have been in places like Sudan," Middleton said.

But the swell of successful pirate attacks now is topping international agendas.

"The problem of piracy has opened the eyes of those who have forgotten Somalia," Ahmedou Ould-Abdallah, a U.N. special representative for Somalia, said during an international conference last month in Brussels.

World leaders pledged \$213 million during an April 23 fund-raiser co-sponsored by the United Nations and European Union, an opening step to aid the East African nation that is slightly smaller than Texas.

The money will go toward security to fund African Union forces in Somalia and the development and training of a Somali security force.

Somalia hasn't had a long-term functioning federal government since dictator Siad Barre died in 1991.

After 15 years of warlords and militias fighting a brutal chess match for power, the stern Islamic Courts Union took control of

the capital of Mogadishu in 2006.

Backing the government, currently led by President Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed, and funneling cash into the nation — to create jobs, rebuild infrastructure and stimulate growth — will go a long way toward quelling the piracy problem, experts said.

"There isn't a short-term solution," Middleton said.

"This will take years, possibly decades, to work itself out."

However, there are some short-term options — even a few where military forces might play a vital role, said Peter Lehr, a lecturer in terrorism studies at the Center for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence at the School of International Relations at University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

For example, strategically positioned, big-deck warships can serve as landing platforms for helicopters that can patrol the area, he said.

Satellites and drones also can be used to spot the so-called "motherships" that serve to replenish pirates who operate in smaller skiffs to board and hijack commercial vessels, Lehr suggested.

"That would be a quick fix, make a dent in the piracy by denying them their long reach," he said.

A more "midterm" solution to help stem the problem would be to create a regional anti-piracy patrol, headed by nations such as Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Oman; similar to patrols to protect against legal fishing in Southeast Asia among countries such as Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and Thailand, Lehr said.

In the 1990s, those Southeast Asian nations pooled resources to patrol the Strait of Malacca. And though it proved successful at the time, it was too expensive to maintain, and they ended patrols after about six months, Lehr said.

A scaled-back effort, with fewer warships, started again a few years ago, with nations relying more on technology, such as drones and radar, to accomplish the same result.

The reason behind having patrols spearheaded by regional countries is a matter of politics and strategy, Lehr said.

"If it is internationally led, or U.S.-led, it can be misconstrued as 'forced upon them' and yet another anti-Islamic effort," he said. "But if it is regional, ... it steals al-Qaida and [extremists'] thunder."

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SOUTH KOREA'S JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF/AP

A South Korean sniper in a helicopter takes aim on Monday at a pirate ship 23 miles south of Aden port in Yemen. A South Korean navy warship rescued a North Korean freighter from a pirate attack off the coast of Somalia. The recent rise in piracy attacks has drawn attention to the instability in Somalia.

S. Koreans rescue N. Korean ship from attack

The Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — South Korean snipers hovering in a helicopter Monday chased away pirates pursuing a North Korean freighter, while a Russian warship freed eight Iranian citizens held hostage for more than three months.

The two dramatic rescues in the Gulf of Aden come as piracy grips the lawless coast off Somalia.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement that the 4,500-ton-class warship sent a Lynx helicopter to assist the North Korean vessel shortly after receiving a distress call that it was being chased by the pirate ship.

The pirate vessel gave up chasing the North Ko-

rean vessel and sped away after snipers aboard the helicopter prepared to fire warning shots, the statement said.

The incident took place 23 miles south of the Yemeni port of Aden, according to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Somalia and Yemen are separated by the Gulf of Aden.

The high seas drama was a rare instance of recent cooperation between the two Koreas. Relations have badly frayed since a conservative government in Seoul took power last year with a vow to get tough on the North over its nuclear program. Pyongyang has responded by cutting ties and halting or restricting key joint reconciliation projects.

French navy captures 11 suspected of piracy

The Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — The French navy intercepted 11 suspected pirates traveling off the Somali coast on Sunday in two assault vessels and a so-called "mother-ship" loaded with Kalashnikovs and rocket launchers, the French Defense Ministry said.

It was the French ship's third pirate intervention in a month. France has been the most aggressive in pursuing pirates out of more than a dozen nations patrolling shipping routes in the Gulf of Aden.

Another three suspected pirates were detained Saturday by the Seychelles coast guard, which had been alerted by the French warship Nivose after European officials decided there was not enough evidence to hold them.

French Defense Ministry spokesman Christophe Prazuck said the 11 new suspects were in-

tercepted Sunday morning about 560 miles off Somalia's coast. They had been traveling with a pirate mothership — a larger vessel often used to tow speed boats hundreds of miles out to sea and resupply them in open water. Prazuck said it was still unclear what France would do with the new suspects.



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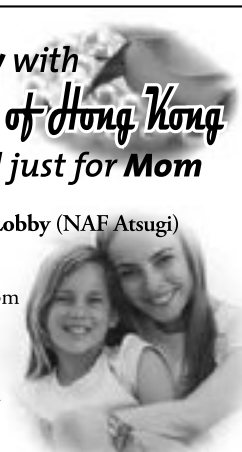


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U.S. official calls Al Jazeera 'irresponsible'

By JEFF SCHOGOL
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — A spokesman for U.S. forces in Afghanistan has slammed an Al Jazeera story about a soldier in Afghanistan who received copies of the Bible in Pashto and Dari.

Al Jazeera has aired footage of a Bible study class last year at Bagram Air Base, in which the soldier said: "I also want to praise God because my church collected some money to get bibles for Afghanistan," according to Al Jazeera English's Web site.

The Bibles were confiscated

before they could be distributed because that would have violated General Order No. 1, which prohibits proselytizing, said Spc. Mary L. Gonzalez, a spokeswoman for Combined Joint Task Force 101.

"The servicemember was not aware of that at the time," Gonzalez said Monday.

The Bibles were not paid for or translated by the U.S. military, she said.

"This is very irresponsible on their part to try to contort something out of video of a service and a Bible study class on a U.S. base for U.S. soldiers a year

ago," said Col. Gregory Julian, a spokesman for U.S. forces in Afghanistan.

Julian warned that the story "could incite violence that could cost someone their life."

Al Jazeera English was unable to reach military officials for comment until after the story aired, a network spokesperson said Monday.

"As with all of our reporting, AJE made every attempt to show all sides of the story and this piece was no exception," the spokesman said. "We believe that this was an important story to tell to the world and are con-

fident that the footage aired on AJE speaks for itself."

It is illegal to proselytize in Afghanistan, where an Afghan man who converted to Christianity fled to Italy in 2006 to avoid the death penalty.

In 2005, a bogus news report about U.S. interrogators desecrating the Quran triggered rioting in Afghanistan that killed several people. Some desecration, however, was later substantiated.

The Afghan government had no comment Monday on the Al Jazeera story, said Martin Austermuhle, a spokesman for the

Afghan Embassy in Washington.

"We assume that the U.S. military will respond accordingly," Austermuhle said.

Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Monday that he was unaware of the details surrounding the incident.

"It certainly is — from the United States military's perspective — not our position to ever push any specific kind of religion, period," Mullen said.

To see the Al Jazeera video, go to www.stripes.com. E-mail Jeff Schogol at: jeffrey.schogol@stripes.osd.mil

Pakistan peace pact on the ropes

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Clashes in a northwestern region covered by an increasingly fragile peace pact killed seven militants and one soldier Monday, authorities said, adding to strains on an agreement seen in the West as a capitulation to extremists.

Washington has said it wants Pakistan to fight the militants, not talk to them, and is unlikely to mourn the three-month-old

deal in the Malakand region if it breaks down. Still, many in the staunchly Islamic region have welcomed the pause in hostilities even though it did not lead to the eviction of the Taliban.

The deal will be discussed in talks between Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari and President Barack Obama later this week in Washington where Zardari is also expected to ask for more money to help his battered economy and under-equipped security forces.

On Monday, militants killed one soldier and injured two others in an attack on a convoy, the statement said.

Army spokesman Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas said the army would not launch an offensive in Swat unless the government formally abandoned the truce. Taliban spokesman Muslim Khan claimed responsibility for the convoy attack, saying the attack was in response to the alleged strengthening of military positions.



Local residents examine a damaged portion of a government school Monday that was wrecked by militants with explosives in Mingora, the main town of Pakistan's Swat Valley.

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The Boston Globe will go back to the bargaining table with its largest union reportedly over a proposal for lifetime job guarantees.

Boston Globe, largest union to continue talks

BY MARK PRATT

The Associated Press

BOSTON — The Boston Globe and its largest employees union finished all-night talks without a deal Monday, but plan to be back at the bargaining table soon. Lifetime job guarantees are among the final sticking points on a deal that could avert a shutdown of the 137-year-old newspaper.

The union and management stopped negotiating at about 8 a.m. and "should resume in the next day or so," said Cosmo Macero, a spokesman for the Boston Newspaper Guild, the Globe's

largest union.

The Globe's owner, The New York Times Co., had threatened to close the newspaper unless its unions agreed to \$20 million in cuts to annual expenses by midnight Sunday. The company showed labor negotiators a draft of a 60-day shutdown notice, required under federal law, and said it would file it if concession demands were not met. The Guild called that a "bullying" tactic.

But the company said it would not file the shutdown notice Monday because it had reached agreements with six other unions, including those that represent drivers, mailers and pressmen.

That left the Guild, which represents about 700 editorial, advertising and business employees. The Times Co. statement said it was disappointed "that we have not yet been able to reach an agreement with the Guild."

The Guild said it had proposed more than the \$10 million in cuts to annual labor costs the Times Co. sought from that union. The Guild said the givebacks called for "tremendous sacrifices, across virtually all categories of compensation and benefits."

Employees said the proposal calls for a 3.5 percent pay cut for Guild employees, plus three unpaid furlough days, for a total salary reduction of just under 5 percent. The other cuts include reductions in pension and 401(k) contributions by the Times Co.

Neither side would reveal what was bogging down the negotiations, but a key hang-up appeared to be lifetime job guarantees, which give strong protections from layoffs, though staffers can still be let go for cause.

The Times Co. has sought to eliminate the guarantees. Guild president Daniel Totten has called elimination of the guarantees a "nonstarter."

Approximately 470 employees across six unions have the lifetime guarantees, including about 190 Guild members. Some veteran Globe workers believe eliminating the guarantees would allow the Times Co. to dismiss older, higher-paid employees.

Obama: Close tax loopholes

President's plan aims to reduce incentives for basing jobs overseas

BY PHILIP ELLIOTT

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama proposed Monday to close U.S. tax loopholes for companies and individuals with operations or bank accounts overseas.

The president said he wants to prevent U.S. companies from deferring tax payments by keeping profits in foreign countries rather than recording them at home. He also called for more transparency in bank accounts held by Americans in tax havens such as the Cayman Islands.

"If financial institutions won't cooperate with us, we will assume that they are sheltering money in tax havens and act accordingly," Obama said.

Obama said that his plan would generate \$210 billion in new taxes

over 10 years and "make it easier" for companies to create jobs at home. Over a decade, \$210 billion would make a modest dent in the federal deficit, expected to be \$1.2 trillion in 2010.

Under the plan, companies would not be able to write off domestic expenses for generating profits abroad.

The goal is to reduce the incentive for U.S. companies to base all or part of their operations in other countries.

The current law, Obama said, "says you should pay lower taxes if you create a job in Bangalore, India, than if you create one in Buffalo, New York."

He said the government also is hiring nearly 800 new tax agents "to detect and pursue American tax evaders abroad."

Congress may resist significant portions of Obama's plan.



AP

President Barack Obama discusses a plan on Monday to close tax loopholes for companies and individuals with operations or bank accounts overseas.

'Wardrobe malfunction' ruling to be revisited

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday ordered a federal appeals court to re-examine its ruling in favor of CBS Corp. in a legal fight over entertainer Janet Jackson's wardrobe malfunction.

The high court on Monday directed the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia to consider reinstating the \$550,000 fine that the Federal Communications Commission imposed on CBS over Jackson's breast-baring performance at the 2004 Super Bowl.

The order follows the high court ruling last week that narrowly upheld the FCC's policy threatening fines against even one-time uses of curse words on live television.

Last year, the appeals court threw out the fine against CBS, saying the FCC strayed from its long-held approach of applying identical standards to words and images when reviewing complaints of indecency.

The appellate court said the incident lasted nine-sixteenths of one second and should have been regarded as "fleeting." The FCC previously deviated

from its nearly 30-year practice of fining indecent broadcast programming only when it was so "pervasive as to amount to 'shock treatment' for the audience," the court said.

The FCC appealed to the Supreme Court.

The case had been put off while the justices dealt with a challenge led by Fox Television against the FCC's policy on fleeting expletives.

Also on Monday, the Supreme Court:

- Limited the use of a federal identity theft law against undocumented workers who use identification numbers that belong to others.

- Ruled for Shell Oil and two railroads in limiting their share of the costs of cleaning up a Superfund site in California.

- Agreed to decide whether children who commit violent crimes short of murder can be sentenced to life in prison with no chance for parole.

- Said it will decide whether New York City can sue federal racketeering, or organized crime, laws to sue Internet cigarette sellers for lost tax revenue.

- Sided with Arthur Andersen LLP, which was sued by clients over a tax shelter that was ruled illegal by the Internal Revenue Service.

R.I. files new charges in Craigslist case

BY ERIC TUCKER

The Associated Press

WARWICK, R.I. — A medical student accused in Boston of killing a masseuse he met on Craigslist has been charged in Rhode Island with pulling a gun on a stripper in a hotel, Attorney General Patrick Lynch said Monday.

An arrest warrant issued Monday accuses Philip Markoff of assault and weapons violations. Authorities previously said Markoff, 23, was the suspect in the April 16 robbery attempt at a Holiday Inn Express in Warwick.

An exotic dancer from Las Vegas who offered lap dances told Rhode Island authorities that she was bound with cord and held at gunpoint by a man she met through Craigslist, a classified advertising Web site. She said her assailant fled when her husband

came up to the hotel room.

"He will be brought to justice," Lynch said at a news conference.



Markoff

A law enforcement official speaking on condition of anonymity previously told The Associated Press that investigators found Markoff's fingerprint in the hotel. They also believe he

sent text messages from there.

Markoff, a second-year medical student at Boston University, was arrested April 20 on Interstate 95 while driving with his fiancée to

Foxwoods Casino in Connecticut.

He was charged with the April 14 killing of Julissa Brisman, a 25-year-old New York City resident who advertised on Craigslist, at the Boston Marriott Copley Place hotel in the historic Back Bay district. He has also been charged in a separate robbery at a Boston hotel of another masseuse police say he met through the site.

He has pleaded not guilty. His lawyer, John Salsberg, did not return a phone message Monday.

Because Markoff is a suspect in a homicide case in Boston, it could take six months to a year before he makes his first appearance in a Rhode Island courtroom, Lynch said.

Prosecutors could convene a grand jury to indict him in the Warwick attack or press criminal charges directly against him.

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Japan (Yen).....	99.49
Kuwait (Dinar).....	0.2917
Norway (Krone).....	6.5238
Philippines (Peso).....	47.98
Poland (Zloty).....	3.30
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Singapore (Dollar).....	1.4774
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Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press

IN THE WORLD

Mexico lowers alert level; will let businesses reopen

By DAVID KOOP
The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Mexican officials lowered their swine flu alert level in the capital on Monday and said they will allow cafes, museums and libraries to reopen this week, even as world health officials weighed raising their pandemic alert to the highest level.

Mexican officials declared the epidemic to be waning at its epicenter, announcing that Wednesday will conclude a five-day closure of nonessential businesses they credit for reducing the spread of the new virus. They haven't decided when to reopen schools nationwide, saying inspections are necessary before students can return to class.

Global health officials urged countries to remain vigilant because the outbreak's spread around the world remains in its early stages, but there were no imminent plans to raise the pandemic alert level.

Raising the alert level to 6, the highest, would mean that a global outbreak of swine flu is under way. WHO uses the term pandemic to refer to geographic spread rather than severity. Pandemics aren't necessarily deadly. The past two pandemics — in 1957 and 1968 — were relatively mild.

"We do not know how long we

Air passengers held in Tokyo amid flu scare

DALLAS — Passengers on an American Airlines flight from Los Angeles were detained for several hours in Tokyo after Japanese officials suspected one passenger of having swine flu, according to the airline.

The 37 passengers and two flight attendants were released eight to 10 hours later when the passenger, a Japanese woman coming back from Las Vegas, tested negative for swine flu, American Airlines spokesman Tim Smith said Monday.

They were on Flight 167, which left Los Angeles on Sunday afternoon. Smith said the flight, on a 245-seat 777, was nearly full.

After arriving, Japanese officials pulled one female passenger aside and took her to a hospital for a flu test, while passengers who had been seated near her and two flight attendants who worked in that part of the plane were sequestered at a hotel, Smith said.

Smith said none of the passengers displayed flu-like symptoms during the flight but that one passenger was pulled aside based on a reading from a device intended to measure body heat for fevers.

From The Associated Press

will have until we move to Phase 6," said Margaret Chan, head of the World Health Organization. "We are not there yet. The criteria will be met when we see in another region outside North America, showing very clear evidence of community-level transmission."

WHO declares a level 5 alert when it believes a global outbreak is "imminent." Though Mexican authorities believe the outbreak may have peaked there, WHO maintains it is still too early to tell if the outbreak is slowing down.

U.N. officials also emphasized

that a pandemic alert is no justification for banning imports based on swine flu.

"Let me make a strong plea to countries to refrain from introducing measures that are economically and socially disruptive, yet have no scientific justification and bring no clear public health benefits," Chan said. "Rational responses are always best — they are all the more important at a time of economic downturn."

While Mexico began its first steps toward normalcy, the virus spread to Colombia in the first



LEE JIN-MAN/AP

South Korean women cook pork during a campaign for the consumption of pork on Monday in Seoul, South Korea. Pork prices have dropped after reporting about swine flu.

confirmed case in South America, where the coming winter means flu season is about to begin. More cases were confirmed in North America and Europe — including

Portugal's first.

More than 1,000 people have been sickened worldwide, according to health and government officials.

44 killed at wedding in Turkey

The Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — Masked assailants with grenades and automatic weapons attacked a wedding ceremony in southeast Turkey on Monday, killing 44 people and wounding 20 others. Two girls survived after the bodies of slain friends fell on top of them during the onslaught.

NTV television quoted Deputy Gov. Ferhat Ozen of Mardin province as saying the nighttime attack occurred in Bilge village near the city of Mardin. Some media outlets reported that a "blood feud"

among families had led to the killings in a region where tribal ties and rivalries sometimes eclipse the power of the state.

Citing Ozen, NTV said the motive could be an old feud between rival groups of pro-government village guards who fight alongside Turkish troops against Kurdish rebels in the region.

Mehmet Besir Ayanoglu, the mayor of Mardin, told Turkey's Channel 24 that he spoke to two survivors, both girls, who said at least two masked men stormed a house where the wedding took place.

Group says jailed American reporter hospitalized in Iran

The Associated Press

CAIRO — The American journalist on a hunger strike for two weeks to protest her imprisonment in Iran was briefly hospitalized after she intensified her fast by refusing to drink water, Reporters Without Borders said Monday.

The Press Freedom Group said 32-year-old Roxana Saberi, accused by Iran of spying for the U.S., was taken Friday to a clinic at Tehran's Evin prison, where she has been held since her arrest in January. She was released from the clinic within a day after again drinking water, the group said.

Saberi's Iranian-born father, who traveled to Iran to seek

his daughter's release, said last month that she was drinking only sweetened water while refusing food to protest her eight-year jail sentence.

Reporters Without Borders said her father, Reza Saberi, told the group over the weekend that she stopped drinking water after Iranian authorities denied she was on a hunger strike.

"So following that, she decided to do a complete hunger strike," Soazig Dollet of the Paris-based group said. "So she was really weak and went to the clinic inside the prison for the day, but not more than a day."

Saberi was working as a freelance reporter before her arrest.

Nepal's prime minister quits

The Associated Press

KATMANDU, Nepal — Nepal's prime minister, a guerrilla leader turned politician, resigned Monday after a power struggle with the president while his party vowed to launch mass protests and shut down parliament.

The resignation threw the impoverished Himalayan nation into turmoil as political leaders scrambled to adjust and security officials prepared for large demonstrations.

Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal made the announcement on television Monday afternoon, one day after his attempt to fire

the army chief was blocked by President Ram Baran Yadav, who belongs to the main opposition party and officially leads the

army.

In his resignation speech, Dahal accused Yadav of "a fatal attack on the infant democracy."

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By Donna Abu-Nasr
The Associated Press

FEARS RISING IN YEMEN

SAN'A, Yemen — The cave tucked in the remote Saudi mountains near the Yemeni border was clearly a way station for Islamic militants, Saudi police say, pointing to the stock of guns and ammunition, nooks for holding hostages and cameras for filming them. It even had buckets of sugar, rice and flour, as well as boxes of charcoal, candles, pasta and beans — supplies for a long stay by al-Qaida fighters moving across the border to prepare attacks in the kingdom. The discovery in early April reinforced a growing fear in Saudi Arabia: that Yemen could become another Afghanistan right on its doorstep, an out-of-control state where al-Qaida runs free and exports violence into its neighbor.

The United States shares the Saudis' fear. Gen. David Petraeus, head of the U.S. Central Command, told Congress in April that the weakness of Yemen's government provides al-Qaida a safe haven and that terror groups could "threaten Yemen's neighbors, especially Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states."

Yemen is the Arab world's poorest nation — and one of its most unstable — making it fertile territory for al-Qaida to set up camp. The country also is in a strategic location, next door to some of the world's most important oil producing nations.

It also lies just across the Gulf of Aden from Somalia, an even more tumultuous nation where the U.S. has said militants from the terror network have been increasing their activity.

Al-Qaida militants, including fighters returning from Afghanistan and Iraq, have established sanctuaries among a number of Yemeni tribes, particularly ones in three provinces bordering Saudi Arabia known as the "triangle of evil" because of the heavy militant presence, Yemeni authorities say.

In January, militants announced the creation of al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, a merger between the terror network's Yemeni and Saudi branches, led by Naser Abdel-Karim al-Wahishi, a Yemeni who was once a close aide to Osama bin Laden.

Over the past year, al-Qaida has been blamed for a string of attacks, including an armed assault in September on the U.S. Embassy in San'a, as well as two suicide bombings targeting South Korean visitors in March.

Al-Qaida fighters in the country are believed to number in the low hundreds. But the presence is strong enough that Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh in February pleaded with tribesmen in the "triangle of evil" to turn in militants.

"You are the triangle of good, giving and loyal men. Fight terrorism and don't ignore it," Saleh told tribal members in Mareb province. "Does anyone here want to take us back to square one? To the days of ignorance, poverty and isolation?"

Yemen, the ancestral home of bin Laden's family, has long been an al-Qaida stomping ground. The country was the scene to one of al-Qaida's most dramatic pre-9/11 attacks, the 2000 suicide bombing of the destroyer USS Cole off the Aden coast that killed 17 American sailors.

But the difference now is that rather than just carrying out attacks in Yemen, a new generation of al-Qaida militants appears to be trying to establish a long-term presence here, uniting Yemenis returning from fighting in Iraq and Saudi fleeing the kingdom's crackdown. They have openly declared their aim to overthrow Saleh for his joining Washington's war on terror.

Unlike Afghanistan under the Taliban, al-



AP photos

Yemeni Musaad al-Nahdi, accused of orchestrating several attacks on foreigners living in Yemen, looks on behind bars during the trial session of an al-Qaida terrorist cell in San'a, Yemen. Top left: U.S. Embassy employees and Yemeni security officers inspect vehicles damaged in a September 2008 attack by militants with suspected al-Qaida ties, on the U.S. Embassy. Top right: Yemeni soldiers patrol in front of the U.S. Embassy following the attack.

Qaida doesn't have a government supporting it in Yemen. But it doesn't necessarily need it. Government control is weak over much of the mountainous, desert nation.

Many areas are lawless, weapons are plentiful, and rampant poverty — which is worsening with falling oil prices — makes recruiting militants easy.

Many tribes are disgruntled with the government, and can be paid to provide havens for militants. Abdul-Karim al-Eryani, a political adviser to Saleh, says that the militants seem to be well-funded and that security forces are reluctant to move strongly against them because then "it becomes a war between the state and the tribes, which is not advisable."

Even tribesmen who are not sympathetic to al-Qaida are reluctant to hand over militants because of the traditional custom of generosity toward guests.

Ji'bil al-Deeman, a tribal leader in Mareb — which along with Shabwa and Jof provinces make up the "triangle of evil" — says he opposes al-Qaida because its attacks impede badly needed development projects. But if a militant showed up in his territory, al-Deeman said he

would just order him out, not alert the police.

Other tribesmen also deny harboring al-Qaida, and blame the government's failure to address poverty for a rise in militancy behind recent attacks. Yemen, a country of 22 million people more than twice the size of California, has a 35 percent unemployment rate and a 50 percent literacy rate.

"We have a corruption problem in this country, we have a lawlessness problem," said Mufareh Buhaih, a tribal chief in Mareb. "We worry that this country will turn into another Somalia and become a real sanctuary for terrorism."

At the same time, the government is caught up in other problems — the possibility of a new flare-up in a Shiite uprising in the north and tensions in the south, where separatist sentiment is mounting.

Even in the capital San'a, where government control is tight, tensions are palpable. Random checkpoints crop up across the city, with troops searching cars and sometimes frisking passengers.

Hotels are putting up fences and installing high-tech security devices. New security measures have been imposed at the international airport, even barring friends and family from entering the arrivals terminal to greet incoming passengers.

In the years immediately following the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, al-Qaida militants tried a direct assault on Saudi Arabia, carrying out a string of shootings and bombings against Saudi police, foreigners and infrastructure. A heavy crackdown largely crushed al-Qaida cells in the kingdom.

Now Saudi Arabia fears al-Qaida is trying again, this time through the backdoor via its southern neighbor.

The cave hide-out illustrates the dangers. The border, running 800 miles through rough desert and mountain terrain, is highly porous. That makes it easy for militants to enter Saudi Arabia or for Saudis to cross into Yemen for a few days militant training, then return home.

In their April raid on the cave, Saudi police seized 11 suspected Saudi militants planning armed robberies, possibly on banks and shops in Saudi Arabia to finance their operations, Saudi Interior Ministry spokesman Brig. Gen. Mansour al-Turki said. The cave included nooks set up apparently to hold hostages and film them for Web videos.

"The cave was a foothold for al-Qaida," said al-Turki. "It could've been used for logistical support, as a shelter or a holding area for infiltrators."

Those arrested at the cave are the most serious cell of militants caught so far in southern Saudi Arabia because of its "ready-to-execute plots, targets and capabilities," al-Turki said.

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EDUCATION

"There's no good grief. But this is as close to good grief as we can get."

Kevin Terry, Dominion High School guidance counselor

Learning to grieve

Students come to terms with loss with aid of Va. school program

By MICHAEL BIRNBAUM
The Washington Post

STERLING, Va. — Spring break tales floated around a table of high school boys last month, typical stories of anxious college decisions, family trips and sleeping late. But in each story was a gaping hole: a missing parent or sibling.

Counselors at Dominion High School in Loudoun County started a group this school year, apparently the only one of its kind in the region, for students who have lost close relatives. Participants say they are surprised by how much it has helped.

"There's no good grief," said Dominion guidance director Kevin Terry. "But this is as close to good grief as we can get."

Across the country, school counselors are experimenting with new ways to group students to help them through trouble. It's not enough, counselors say, to

wait for students to come to them one by one with concerns.

"Teenagers tend to feel that nobody else has ever gone through what they're going through," said Lynne Linde, president-elect of the American Counseling Association. "When we do groups, we see it works. ... It normalizes what they're feeling."

After Dominion counselors realized in the fall that at least 20 of their 1,200 students were grieving — a higher number than they had seen at other schools — they wrangled a social worker from a local hospice to guide discussions.

They whittled the pool to about a dozen they thought would benefit from a peer group. They found a rhythm — 45 minutes to an hour a week around a conference table in a bright white room at the Sterling school, one session for boys and one for girls. And they started teaching students about grief, about relationships and



PHOTOS BY RICKY CARIOTI, THE WASHINGTON POST/AP

Dominion High School senior Ryan Stubbs hugs senior Maya Evans as fellow students Skyelar Decker, left, and John Paul Mardelli, right, look on after a grief counseling session April 15 at Dominion High, in Sterling, Va.

about handling something many people don't confront until their faces are more deeply lined.

Other schools offer help to students whose parents die, but a yearlong program such as Dominion's is highly unusual, Linde said. No other school in the Washington area seems to have anything comparable, officials say.

The group wasn't an easy sell. "I really didn't want to do it," said Scott Everhart, 18, a senior whose father died of melanoma in his sophomore year. A hospice counselor had talked to him be-

fore his father died, but he said the conversation felt forced and unhelpful.

The school group, he said, has helped. He is able to talk to people who have been through something similar.

"You don't really talk about it with your actual friends," he said. "It's not like you don't want to talk about it; it's like they don't want to talk about it."

There's far less of that awkwardness in the grief group, he said. And talking about his feelings at school has helped him open up with his mother as well.

Before, he said, "we would talk, but I really wouldn't talk. ... I just didn't want to put any more stress on her. I've learned that it's better to talk."

His mother notes the change. "I think it gave him a vocabulary and an ability to recognize what grief is," Barbara Everhart said.

Dominion counselors don't know whether the sessions will take place next year. Many of the participants are graduating, and a tight budget makes the counselors worry that their workload next year might not allow it.



Tara Moss, center, a social worker, and Geri Fiore, top right, a school counselor, talk with male students in the grief counseling session at Dominion High School. Counselors at Dominion started a group this school year for students who have lost close relatives.

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Even when you're rich, thin and gorgeous, finding a man isn't easy.

Lindsay Lohan tried battling for the other team with Samantha Ronson, and she's still left brokenhearted. But hey, she's only 22, there's time.

Jennifer Aniston currently wears the hot-singleton crown — after two separate outings with John Mayer, the former "Friends" cutie is back on the prowl. At least she has her millions to keep her company.

Take a look at three other babes who just can't make it stick.

DREW BARRYMORE

Age: 34

The youngest member of the Barrymore acting dynasty is known for her longevity in film as much for her tumultuous love life. At just 19, she married bartender Jeremy Thomas, with disastrous results. How do you spell annulment? Another quickie/shortie marriage came with whacked-out comedian Tom Green (she was a fan of his show). He filed for divorce after six months. Things were looking up with Strokes drummer Fabrizio Moretti but alas, they were doomed. Next up: "He's Just Not That Into You" co-star Justin Long. Rumors of a reconciliation float, but we're not buying it.



AP

Barrymore: Manless again.

CAMERON

Age: 36

Drew's "Charlie's Angel" costar is a bona fide bombshell. If she can't land a man, there's no hope for any of us, right? After a long relationship with Jared Leto, Cammie took up with "There's Something About Mary" cadish co-star Matt Dillon. Not happening for either. She gave younger man Justin Timberlake a whirl, but the music ended in '07. Then Aniston's ex, Paul Sculfor, came calling. Though Diaz and the British model were rumored to be shacking up, the "My Sister's Keeper" star has been spotted by her lonesome.



AP

Diaz: Lonely hottie.



ABC

NICOLETTE SHERIDAN

Age: 45

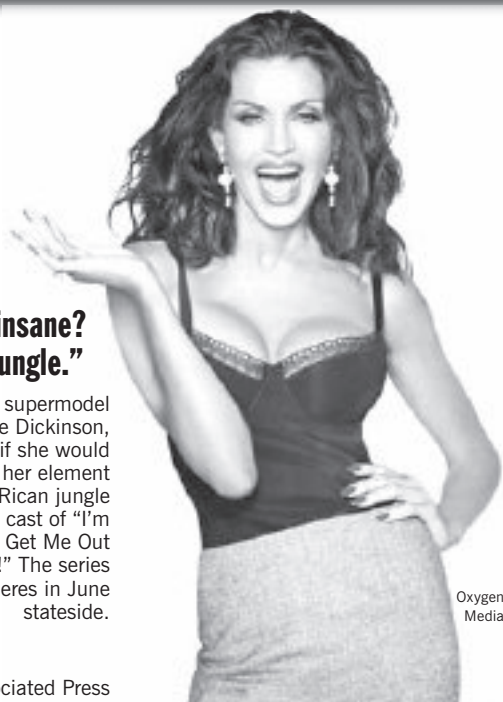
Waiting for the now defunct Desperate Housewife — and former Mrs. Harry Hamlin — to marry ex-turned-fiance Michael Bolton was like listening to Alonzo Mourning's retirement speech all over again. We admire them for giving their love a second chance, but c'mon. Though we hear she's dating financier Steve Pate, Nic apparently likes them worn-in. Maybe Leif Garrett's available?

— Madeleine Marr/The Miami Herald

"Are you insane? Life is a jungle."

— former supermodel Janice Dickinson, when asked if she would be out of her element in the Costa Rican jungle as part of the cast of "I'm a Celebrity — Get Me Out of Here!" The series premieres in June stateside.

— The Associated Press



Oxygen Media

'Wolverine' claws to top of box office

Hugh Jackman's movie prequel "X-Men Origins: Wolverine" leaped past all other films for an \$87 million opening weekend.

"Wolverine" pulled in an additional \$73 million overseas.

Its debut in Mexico was delayed for two weeks because of the swine flu outbreak there.

The trilogy's final chapter, "X-Men: The Last Stand," had the franchise's best opening with \$102.8 million.

Matthew McConaughey and Jennifer Garner's romantic comedy "Ghosts of Girlfriends Past" debuted in second place

with \$15.3 million. Also in the top five: "Obsessed," "17 Again" and "Monsters vs. Aliens."

— The Philadelphia Inquirer

Kelis files for divorce from Nas

The milkshake has gone sour between Kelis and Nas.

Kelis Rogers filed for divorce Thursday in Los Angeles. She's expecting the couple's first child in July. Documents show the couple was married in July 2003 and separated in April.

Rogers is seeking to have her rapper husband pay her attorney's fees and spousal support. She cited "irreconcilable differences" as the reason for the split.

Nas' real name is Nasir Jones. He is considered one of rap's best artists and received a Grammy nomination for his



Jackman



AP file

Singer Kelis, left, has filed for divorce from her husband, rapper Nas. She is due with their first child in July.

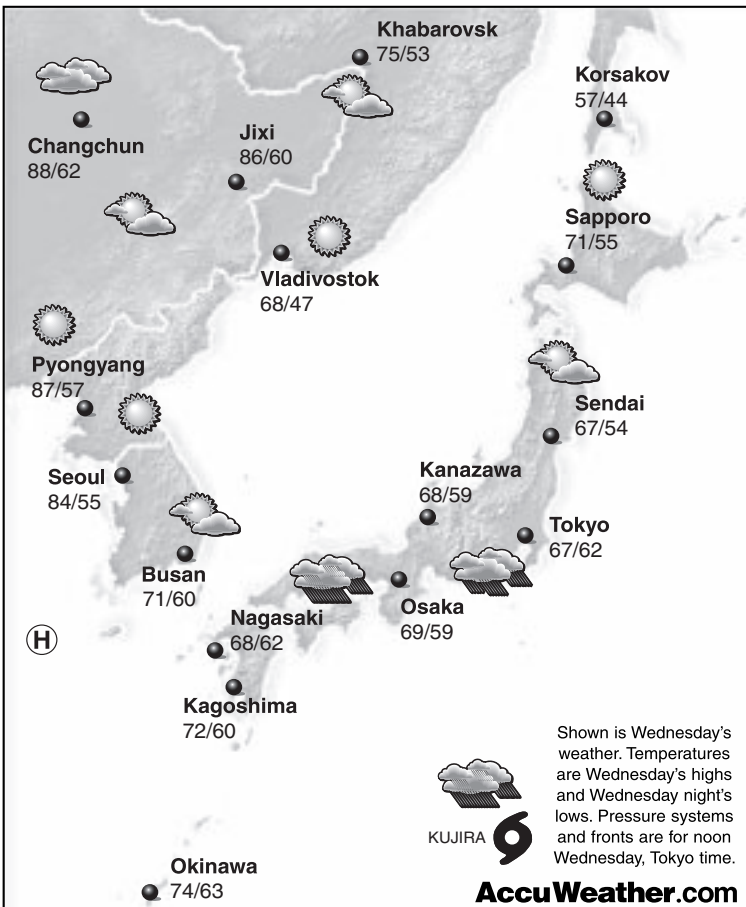
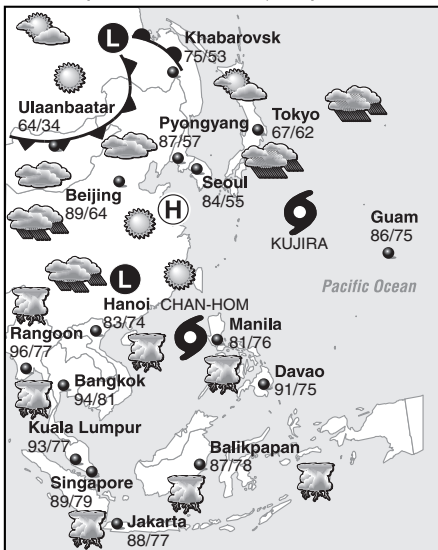
latest untitled album. Kelis may be best known for her hit single "Milkshake."

— The Associated Press

TIDE TABLES

Location	Wednesday			
	High	Low	High	Low
Japan				
Yokosuka	2:35 a.m.	9:09 a.m.	3:35 p.m.	9:11 p.m.
Sasebo	6:20 a.m.	12:14 a.m.	7:06 p.m.	12:42 p.m.
Naha	5:03 a.m.	11:31 a.m.	5:47 p.m.	11:37 p.m.
Hachinohe	12:37 a.m.	7:24 a.m.	1:56 p.m.	7:14 p.m.
Korea				
Cheju Island/Sogwip'o	9:01 a.m.	3:37 a.m.	9:38 p.m.	4:10 p.m.
Kunsan	1:29 a.m.	8:10 a.m.	1:42 p.m.	8:35 p.m.
Guam				
Apra Harbor	5:14 a.m.	12:03 p.m.	6:25 p.m.	11:59 p.m.
Location	Thursday			
	High	Low	High	Low
Japan				
Yokosuka	3:04 a.m.	9:44 a.m.	4:20 p.m.	9:52 p.m.
Sasebo	6:52 a.m.	12:59 a.m.	7:49 p.m.	1:19 p.m.
Naha	5:37 a.m.	12:10 p.m.	6:32 p.m.	none
Hachinohe	1:06 a.m.	8:04 a.m.	2:49 p.m.	7:56 p.m.
Korea				
Cheju Island/Sogwip'o	9:46 a.m.	4:33 a.m.	10:17 p.m.	4:49 p.m.
Kunsan	2:18 a.m.	9:01 a.m.	2:24 p.m.	9:15 p.m.
Guam				
Apra Harbor	5:44 a.m.	12:44 p.m.	7:23 p.m.	none

For tides at other sites apply minutes to Naha tides:
Sukku, Ora Wan: -39, Sesoko Byochi: +11 high and low tide;
Unten Ko: -7 high, -8 low, Yonabaru, Buckner Bay: -44 high, -42 low.



Shown is Wednesday's weather. Temperatures are Wednesday's highs and Wednesday night's lows. Pressure systems and fronts are for noon Wednesday, Tokyo time.

AccuWeather.com



CANADA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Calgary	58	39	PCldy
Edmonton	64	36	Cldy
Halifax	60	47	Shwr
Regina	58	58	Sun
Montreal	61	46	PCldy
Ottawa	68	47	PCldy
Quebec	55	43	Rain
Regina	66	39	PCldy
Toronto	65	49	PCldy
Vancouver	58	47	Rain
Whitehorse	55	36	PCldy
Windsor	66	51	Tstm
Winnipeg	64	46	Cldy
Yellowknife	47	33	PCldy

EUROPE

City	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	57	45	Cldy
Athens	72	59	Tstm
Belgrade	65	51	Cldy
Brussels	61	47	Rain
Dublin	63	46	PCldy
Glasgow	57	43	Shwr
Lisbon	58	48	Rain
London	77	59	Sun
Madrid	68	46	PCldy
Moscow	81	50	PCldy
Paris	68	46	Shwr
Rome	64	41	PCldy
Warsaw	72	50	PCldy

MIDDLE EAST

City	Hi	Lo	W
Ashgabat	87	65	Sun
Baghdad	93	60	PCldy
Cairo	82	64	Sun
Dhahran	100	82	PCldy
Islamabad	101	65	Sun
Incirlik	69	58	Cldy
Kabul	77	46	Sun
Kandahar	95	62	PCldy
Karachi	97	81	Sun
Kuwait	101	85	PCldy
Mazar-e-Sharif	89	62	PCldy
Tehran	80	66	Cldy
Tel Aviv	72	58	Sun
Zahedan	87	62	PCldy

AFRICA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Abidjan	86	75	Tstm
Algiers	68	49	Sun
Cape Town	68	50	PCldy
Casablanca	84	62	Sun
Durban	78	65	PCldy
Freetown	90	74	Cldy
Kano	91	70	PCldy
Khartoum	115	80	Sun
Kisangani	87	67	Tstm
Luanda	85	73	PCldy
Malakal	100	72	Tstm
Mogadishu	90	74	Sun
Tabora	85	63	Sun
Timbuktu	114	68	PCldy

LATIN AMERICA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Acapulco	89	72	Sun
Bogota	64	48	Rain
Buenos Aires	66	54	PCldy
Cancon	90	75	PCldy
Havana	89	66	Sun
Kingston	86	78	Shwr
Lima	76	59	PCldy
Mexico City	86	55	Sun
Nassau	84	74	Sun
Puerto Plata	85	73	PCldy
Rio de Janeiro	81	67	Sun
Santiago	70	43	PCldy
Santo Domingo	84	70	Rain
San Jose	75	68	Tstm

ASIA / PACIFIC

City	Hi	Lo	W
Auckland	59	52	Shwr
Colombo	87	78	Sun
Darwin	88	72	PCldy
Dhaka	99	80	Sun
Hong Kong	82	71	Sun
Melbourne	100	64	Sun
Mumbai	90	80	PCldy
New Delhi	112	80	Sun
Phnom Penh	92	78	Shwr
Shanghai	80	62	Sun
Sydney	68	57	Sun
Taipei	78	66	PCldy
Xining	79	52	Cldy

WEDNESDAY'S FORECAST

Northern Japan
Day: Plenty of sunshine. High 71.
Night: Mostly cloudy. Low 55.
Kanto Plain
Day: Cloudy with a shower. High 67.
Night: Clouds, showers around. Low 62.
Southern Japan
Day: Variable cloudiness. High 68.
Night: Plenty of clouds. Low 62.
Okinawa
Day: Mostly cloudy. High 74.
Night: Clear and moonlit. Low 63.
Korea
Day: Plenty of sunshine. High 84.
Night: Clear. Low 55.
Guam
Day: Partly sunny. High 86.
Night: A moonlit sky. Low 75.

THURSDAY'S FORECAST

Northern Japan
Day: Partly sunny. High 72.
Night: Mostly cloudy. Low 54.
Kanto Plain
Day: Breezy with rain. High 68.
Night: Periods of rain. Low 62.
Southern Japan
Day: Sun and clouds. High 72.
Night: Clearing. Low 61.
Okinawa
Day: Plenty of sun. High 75.
Night: Clear and moonlit. Low 64.
Korea
Day: A full day of sunshine. High 77.
Night: Mainly clear. Low 56.
Guam
Day: A couple of t-storms. High 88.
Night: Clear. Low 75.

FRIDAY'S FORECAST

Northern Japan
Day: Partly sunny. High 69.
Night: Cloudy. Low 48.
Kanto Plain
Day: A little morning rain. High 67.
Night: Partly cloudy. Low 60.
Southern Japan
Day: Plenty of sunshine. High 80.
Night: A moonlit sky. Low 66.
Okinawa
Day: Bright and sunny. High 77.
Night: Clear and moonlit. Low 66.
Korea
Day: Sunny. High 78.
Night: Thickening clouds. Low 55.
Guam
Day: A couple of t-storms. High 86.
Night: Partly cloudy. Low 77.

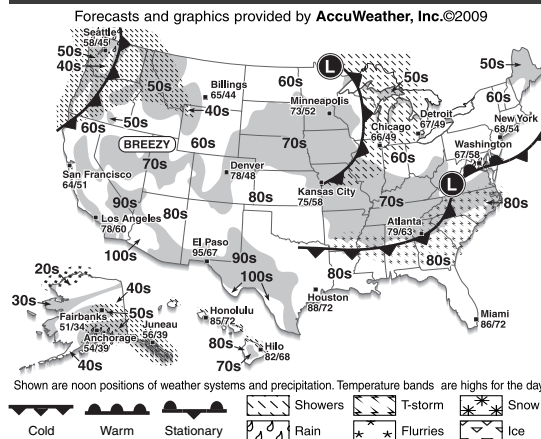
SUN & MOON

	Wednesday	Thursday
Sunrise (Seoul)	5:32 a.m.	5:31 a.m.
Sunset	7:28 p.m.	7:29 p.m.
Sunrise (Tokyo)	4:44 a.m.	4:43 a.m.
Sunset	6:32 p.m.	6:33 p.m.
Full	May 9	
Last	May 17	
New	May 24	
First	May 31	

WEDNESDAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

City	Hi	Lo	W	City	Hi	Lo	W	City	Hi	Lo	W	City	Hi	Lo	W
Abilene, TX	88	70	Sun	Colorado Spgs.	79	48	Sun	Hartford	74	53	PCldy	New Orleans	87	71	PCldy
Akron, OH	68	51	Tstm	Columbia, SC	85	66	Tstm	Helena	61	40	Tstm	New York City	68	54	PCldy
Albany, NY	71	48	PCldy	Columbus, GA	85	65	Tstm	Honolulu	85	72	Sun	Newark	69	56	PCldy
Albuquerque	85	58	Sun	Columbus, OH	69	53	Tstm	Houston	88	72	PCldy	Norfolk	74	66	Tstm
Allentown, PA	68	55	PCldy	Concord, NH	69	45	PCldy	Huntsville	75	61	Tstm	North Platte	77	43	Sun
Amarillo	87	58	Sun	Corpus Christi	91	76	PCldy	Indianapolis	68	53	Tstm	Oklahoma City	85	63	PCldy
Anchorage	54	39	Rain	Dallas	85	71	Tstm	Jackson, MS	84	67	Tstm	Omaha	79	52	PCldy
Asheville	73	56	Tstm	Dayton	68	52	Tstm	Jacksonville	87	65	Tstm	Orlando	90	67	Sun
Atlanta	79	58	Tstm	Daytona Beach	69	48	PCldy	Juneau	75	58	Tstm	Paducah	75	58	Tstm
Atlantic City	67	58	Cldy	Denver	78	48	PCldy	Kansas City	75	58	PCldy	Pendleton	65	44	Shwr
Austin	93	72	PCldy	Des Moines	76	54	Rain	Key West	84	75	Sun	Peoria	71	53	Tstm
Baltimore	68	56	Tstm	Detroit	67	49	Tstm	Knoxville	76	61	Tstm	Philadelphia	68	56	PCldy
Baton Rouge	87	68	PCldy	Duluth	66	44	PCldy	Lake Charles	84	71	PCldy	Phoenix	102	75	Sun
Billings	65	44	Tstm	El Paso	95	67	Sun	Lansing	65	50	Tstm	Pittsburgh	68	52	Tstm
Birmingham	81	62	Tstm	Elkins	71	52	Tstm	Las Vegas	97	73	Sun	Pocahontas	66	44	Tstm
Bismarck	71	40	PCldy	Erie	65	48	PCldy	Lexington	70	56	Tstm	Portland, ME	64	44	Rain
Boise	68	45	Tstm	Eugene	60	43	Rain	Lincoln	79	51	PCldy	Portland, OR	60	47	Rain
Boston	67	53	Rain	Evansville	74	56	Tstm	Little Rock	81	64	Tstm	Providence	65	53	Rain
Bridgeport	67	54	PCldy	Fairbanks	51	34	Shwr	Los Angeles	78	60	PCldy	Pueblo	88	48	Sun
Brownsville	94	77	PCldy	Fargo	71	44	PCldy	Louisville	72	58	Tstm	Raleigh	78	60	Tstm
Buffalo	67	48	PCldy	Flagstaff	80	41	Sun	Lubbock	89	65	Sun	Rapid City	70	43	PCldy
Burlington	63	44	PCldy	Flinn	66	49	Tstm	Macon	86	63	Tstm	Reno	75	47	Cldy
Caribou, ME	57	39	Rain	Fort Smith	84	60	Tstm	Madison	69	49	Rain	Richmond	72	62	Tstm
Casper	71	40	PCldy	Fort Wayne	66	50	Tstm	Medford	67	46	Shwr	Roanoke	69	59	Tstm
Charleston, SC	85	65	Tstm	Fresno	88	58	Sun	Memphis	77	66	Tstm	Rochester	68	48	PCldy
Charleston, WV	73	57	Tstm	Goodland	84	49	Sun	Miami	86	72	PCldy	Rockford	69	48	Rain
Charlotte, NC	78	60	Tstm	Grand Junction	83	52	Sun	Midland	95	69	Sun	Sacramento	75	53	PCldy
Chattanooga	76	61	Tstm	Grand Rapids	65	49	Rain	Minneapolis	64	48	Rain	St. Louis	73	61	Tstm
Cheyenne	72	42	PCldy	Great Falls	61	39	Tstm	Minneapolis	73	52	PCldy	St. Thomas	84	75	Rain
Chicago	65	49	Rain	Green Bay	65	46	Rain	Mobile	85	67	PCldy	Salem, OR	61	45	Rain
Cincinnati	69	54	Tstm	Greensboro, NC	75	60	Tstm	Montgomery	85	64	Tstm	Salt Lake City	76	51	PCldy
Cleveland	66	50	Tstm	Harrisburg	67	53	Cldy	Nashville	75	58	Sun	San Angelo	97	70	PCldy

THE UNITED STATES WEDNESDAY



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TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009									
	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
9:00	CSI: Miami "Dead Air"	Johnny and the Sprites	Movie "Family Plan"	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The View	Recon	Mad About You	(8:00) NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	(8:00) Sports
9:30		JoJo's Circus	(2005, Comedy) Tori Spelling, Greg Germann.			State Dept Briefing	Living Single		
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Peep-Big World		Hannity	Dr. Phil	Fit For Duty	Guiding Light		
10:30		Curious George	(-45) Movie "Air Force One"			AFN Europe Report		NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	
11:00	Dr. Phil	JoJo's Circus	(1997, Suspense) Harrison Ford, Gary Oldman, Glenn Close. Terrorists hijack the president's plane.	Anderson Cooper 360	Judge Alex	Week-Pentagon	E! News		Sports
11:30		Johnny and the Sprites			Everybody-Raymond	Fit For Duty	The Daily 10		
12:00	CBS Evening News	Super Why!		Special Report With Bret Baier	Access Hollywood	Battleground	Star Trek "The City on the Edge of Forever"		
12:30	ESPNNews	Go, Diego, Go!			Judge Judy	Around the Services	Reba "Just Business"	Inside the NBA	
13:00	Prime News Tonight	Blue's Clues	Movie "The Ring" (2002, Horror) Naomi Watts. A videotape holds deadly consequences for its viewers.	Campbell Brown: No Bias, No Bull	The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Girlfriends		
13:30		Bear in House				Downrange			
14:00	NBC Nightly News	Sesame Street		Your World With Neil Cavuto	General Hospital	AFN Europe Report	Emeril Live	SportsCenter	Sports
14:30	World News-Gibson					EXchange on Air			
15:00	Sesame Street	Funniest Home Videos	(-10) Movie "Scream" (1996) Neve Campbell. A psychopath stalks the teens of a sleepy California town.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Design Remix	SportsCenter	
15:30		Planet's Funniest Animals		Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	Battleground	Curb Appeal		
16:00	The View	(3:50) Pokémon		Tavis Smiley		Recon	Ice Road Truckers "Edge of the Earth"	NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	MTV Hits Playlist
16:30		(-40) Zatch Bell				Today's Air Force			
17:00	Dr. Phil	The Fairly OddParents	Movie Mob	Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Around the Services	King of the Hill		X Play
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja	Maltin's Secret's Out	Nightline	Jeopardy!	Downrange	That '70s Show		Futurama
18:00	Judge Alex	SpongeBob SquarePants	What It Takes	The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	Week-Pentagon	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:30	Everybody-Raymond	Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight		Around the Services	All Hands TV	The Colbert Report	SportsCenter	Family Guy "Death Lives"
19:00	Access Hollywood	iCarly Sam gets detention.	Movie "American Pastime" (2007) Gary Cole. The lives of Japanese-Americans spend during World War II.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Heroes "A Clear and Present Danger"	Briefing Encore	Dancing With the Stars		WWE Monday Night Raw
19:30	Judge Judy	Naturally, Sadie			Fit For Duty			Baseball Tonight	
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Gilmore Girls "Bon Voyage"		Today	Everybody Hates Chris	Battleground		NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	
20:30					The Office "Stress Relief"	Recon Revisited	The Closer "Double Blind"		
21:00	General Hospital	Everybody Hates Chris	Movie "Out of Time" (2003) Denzel Washington. A police chief is accused of setting a deadly arson.	Today	Bones "The Passenger in the Oven"	Around the Services			Run's House
21:30		The Cosby Show				Pacific Report	24		Mind of Mencla
22:00	Days of our Lives	Degrassi: TNG		America's Newsroom		Briefing Encore			Best Damn Sports Show Period
22:30		Strange Days			The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	USARJ This Week	Friends	NBA Fastbreak	
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "The First Christmas"	Movie "Rising Sun" (1993, Mystery) Sean Connery.	Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	The Corps Report	Daily Show-Jon Stewart	SportsCenter	Attack of the Show!
23:30						Downrange	The Colbert Report		
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2009									
00:00	Wheel of Fortune	SpongeBob SquarePants	(11:00) Movie "Rising Sun" (1993, Mystery) Sean Connery.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	This Week in the Pentagon	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	SportsCenter	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	Hannah Montana			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty			Futurama
1:00	Headline News	iCarly Sam gets detention.	(-10) Movie "Single White Female" (1992) Bridget Fonda. A woman develops a deadly fixation on her female roommate.	Happening Now	Judge Judy	Balad and Beyond	Stargate SG-1 A sinister leader threatens the Jaffa nation.	ESPNNews	The Simpsons
1:30	ATS/AFN Report	Naturally, Sadie				Around the Services	Las Vegas "Run, Cooper, Run"	MLB Baseball Houston Astros at Washington Nationals. From Nationals Park in Washington, D.C. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	Family Guy "Death Lives"
2:00	Heroes Hiro tries to train Ando to be a true superhero.	Gilmore Girls Lorelai and Luke reach a new understanding.		Newsroom	CSI: Miami "Open Water"	Downrange			WWE Monday Night Raw
2:30						Today's Air Force			
3:00	Everybody Hates Chris	Everybody Hates Chris	Movie "American Pastime" (2007) Gary Cole, Jon Gries. The lives of Japanese-Americans spend during World War II.	MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	Recon Revisited	The Unit "Games of Chance"		
3:30	The Office "Stress Relief"	The Cosby Show				State Dept Briefing	Seinfeld		Run's House
4:00	Bones "The Passenger in the Oven"	Degrassi: Next Generation		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Battleground	Friends	College Football Live	Mind of Mencla
4:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey				Around the Services	Kiana's Flex Appeal	NFL Live	Best Damn Sports Show Period
5:00	Headline News	Teletubbies	Movie "Out of Time" (2003) Denzel Washington, Eva Mendes. A police chief is accused of setting a deadly arson.	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	Army Newswatch	Denise Austin's Getting Fit	Jim Rome Is Burning	Attack of the Show!
5:30	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Barney & Friends		Glenn Beck	Headline News	This Week in the Pentagon	Take Home Chef	Around the Horn	
6:00		Sesame Street			Good Morning America	Downrange	Cooking-Sandra Lee	Pardon the Interruption	
6:30	Late Show With David Letterman					Around the Services	FitTV's Diet Doctor	SportsCenter	MTV Hits Playlist
7:00		Bear in the Big Blue House	Movie Mob	Around the Services	Good Morning America	Briefing Encore			
7:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Blue's Clues	Maltin's Secret's Out	NBC Nightly News		The Grill Sergeants	The Morning Show With Mike & Juliet	NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	Sports
8:00		Dora the Explorer	What It Takes	World News-Gibson	Sesame Street	Fit For Duty			
8:30	Judge Judy	Handy Manny	Entertainment Tonight	CBS Evening News		Around the Services	Mad About You		
9:00	CSI: Miami "Open Water"	Backyardigans	Movie "Night of Terror" (2006, Suspense) Milti Kapture, Nick Mancuso.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The View	Recon Revisited	Living Single		
9:30		Miss Spider's Sunny Patch		Hannity	Dr. Phil	State Dept Briefing	Guiding Light		
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Peep-Big World				Fit For Duty		NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	
10:30		Curious George	(-45) Movie "Thunderheart" (1992, Mystery) Val Kilmer, Graham Greene, Sam Shepard. An agent's heritage is integral to a murder investigation.	Anderson Cooper 360	Judge Alex	AFN Europe Report	E! News		Sports
11:00	Dr. Phil	Miss Spider's Sunny Patch			Everybody Loves Raymond	Recon	The Daily 10		
11:30		Backyardigans			Access Hollywood	Fit For Duty	Star Trek "The Devil in the Dark"		
12:00	CBS Evening News	Handy Manny		Special Report With Bret Baier	Judge Judy	Battleground			
12:30	ESPNNews	Dora the Explorer				Around the Services	Reba "Trading Spaces"	Inside the NBA	
13:00	Prime News Tonight	Blue's Clues	Movie "Not Without My Daughter" (1991, Docudrama) Sally Field, Alfred Molina.	Campbell Brown: No Bias, No Bull	The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Girlfriends		
13:30		Bear in the Big Blue House				Downrange			
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14:30	World News-Gibson					Recon			
15:00	Sesame Street	Funniest Home Videos	(-45) Movie "The Score" (2001, Crime Drama) Robert De Niro, Edward Norton, Angela Bassett. A master thief agrees to work with a volatile partner.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Landscape Smart	SportsCenter	
15:30		Planet's Funniest Animals		Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	Battleground	Color Splash		
16:00	The View	(3:50) Pokémon		Tavis Smiley		The American Veteran	Ice Road Truckers "Mechanical Mayhem"	Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
16:30		(-40) Zatch Bell				Recon Revisited			
17:00	Dr. Phil	(-05) The Fairly OddParents	At the Movies	Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Around the Services	King of the Hill		X Play
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Entertainment Studios.com	Nightline	Jeopardy!	Downrange	That '70s Show		Futurama
18:00	Judge Alex	SpongeBob SquarePants	What It Takes	The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	Fit Hood on Track	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:30	Everybody Loves Raymond	Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight		Around the Services	Today's Air Force	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
19:00	Access Hollywood	Wizards of Waverly Place	Movie "Open Range" (2003, Western) Robert Duval, Kevin Costner, Annette Bening. Cattle herdersmen battle a ruthless rancher in 1882.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Psych "Tuesday the 17th"	Briefing Encore	American Idol Remaining finalists perform.		The Ultimate Fighter
19:30	Judge Judy	Kenan & Kel				Fit For Duty			
20:00	The Young and the Restless	American Dreams "The End of the Innocence"		Today	Hell's Kitchen	Battleground	Dancing With the Stars		College Hill
20:30						Recon			
21:00	General Hospital	Everybody Hates Chris				Around the Services	Ugly Betty "Sisters on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown"		Making the Band 4
21:30		The Cosby Show	(-20) Movie "The Scorpion King" (2002, Adventure) The Rock, Steven Brand.	Today	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Wouda, Coulda, Shoulda"	Pacific Report		Sports	Best Damn Sports Show Period
22:00	Days of our Lives	Degrassi: Next Generation		America's Newsroom		Briefing Encore	Seinfeld "The Butter Shave"		Attack of the Show!
22:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey			The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	This Week in the Pentagon	Friends		
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "Pike's Peace"	Movie "Raiders of the Lost Ark" (1981) Harrison Ford.	Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	Tour of Duty	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		
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Photo of crash insensitive

As an Army nurse, I am not easily shocked, but I found the front-page photo associated with "Car crashes into royal Dutch parade, killing 4" (May 1, Europe edition) completely unacceptable for publication.

The picture depicts an action shot of two pedestrians struck by a car, and the photo along with the article on Page 11 shows several victims receiving first aid from bystanders.

Printing these photos demonstrates utter disrespect and insensitivity to the victims' families, loved ones and even the bystanders of this traumatic event.

In the front-page photo, the victims appear to be a middle-aged man and a young girl. Imagine if these were your father, brother, husband or daughter, especially if they were [among those] reported killed in the accident.

The press makes it a priority to preserve the dignity of our wounded and deceased servicemembers. Why should civilian victims of deliberate trauma deserve any less?

Maj. Ann Kobiela Ketz
Landstuhl, Germany

Crash photo 'outrageous'

I am appalled after seeing the cover of May 1's Europe edition.

It is simply irresponsible journalism to run a picture depicting an event that resulted in the death of human beings, much less on the front page.

When I first saw the photo of the incident that occurred in the Netherlands, I thought it was a simulated crash; but, upon closer examination, I realized this was a real event. It is disgusting that someone thought it acceptable to run this picture. It is one thing to report the news; it is another to broadcast a death in real time.

This is the kind of outrageous image that one can search up on the Internet, but this is not something I choose to do. I am furious that Stars and Stripes made that choice for me and subjected me and countless others to view this horrendous crime.

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What can be done now that this has been printed? Nothing. You've put it out there and even running an apology will not be able to wipe this image out of my mind and many of your other readers'.

I can't say I won't ever read Stripes again, because I am a military spouse who lives overseas, but I can say I no longer have respect for the organization. Shame on you!

Alecia D. Esarey
RAF Croughton, England

Phrase not in Constitution

In partial response to "'Social engineers' on the left" (letter, April 30), I would like to point out that nowhere in the Bill of Rights or the Constitution does the phrase "separation of church and state" appear.

The First Amendment states that "Congress shall make no laws respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," among other rights. James Madison, the fourth U.S. president and drafter of the first 10 amendments, made an entry into his personal papers on

Aug. 15, 1789, that his intent in drafting the First Amendment was to prevent Congress from establishing a religion and enforcing the observation of that religion by law.

The phrase "separation of church and state" was used as early as 1802 by Thomas Jefferson in a letter he had written to the Danbury Baptists. This often-misplaced phrase comes, as we think we know it today, from several U.S. Supreme Court cases during the mid-20th century. In those cases, it was the opinion of the justices that the First Amendment should be interpreted as a "separation of church and state." Please note the "opinion" part.

I invite all of those misinformed souls to carefully read the Bill of Rights and Constitution so they may discover that beloved phrase is not there.

Charlie Griffith
Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

Wasting water on Taji

It is truly appalling how wasteful we are on the Camp Taji (Iraq) base.

I work out five times a week and every night I see a slew of water bottles left in the gym with varying degrees of fullness. Why do people dump water out? Why can't they save their water bottle and finish drinking it later?

The trash cans are filled with water bottles with no attempt to crush them at all. I realize we can't recycle these bottles here. But we can make an effort to save space in trash cans, which would mean fewer trash bags used and smaller piles in the dumps.

It is simply atrocious to pour out clean drinking water when millions around the world don't have access to a cup of clean drinking water, let alone abundant quantities of water bottles. There is no excuse; it is completely selfish how much we waste, and the only reasons are laziness and apathy.

I will continue to crush my bottles and drink every last drop of every last bottle of water I take, all the while being jokingly mocked as a "tree hugger."

Pheasant Weber
Camp Taji, Iraq

Harried but capable Mexico needs U.S. support

Washington Post editorial

Many countries get into trouble because of their own failings — bad government is the most common cause. But Mexico lately has become an example of how a nation with a relatively good democratic government can plunge into crisis because of forces outside its control. President Felipe Calderon ... first faced an epidemic of drug trafficking and related violence brought about largely by the demand for drugs in, and supply of assault weapons from, the U.S. Then a financial crisis born on Wall Street spilled over into Mexico's economy. Now the appearance of a new strain of swine flu and fears of a global pandemic have dealt another blow to the country. ... Mexico's economy

minister has estimated that the epidemic will cost the country half of 1 percent of its gross domestic product, and he's probably too optimistic. ...

Calderon's government is getting some credit for detecting the new virus relatively early, for quickly supplying information to international health authorities and for taking sweeping measures to contain the outbreak. ... It's a performance that's ... no surprise coming from a Mexican president with a record of courageously facing the country's problems — [such] as exemplified by his frontal attack on the drug trade. ...

Unfortunately, Calderon has never gotten as much support as he needs from the United States. In recent months Congress has resisted full funding of the Merida Initiative, which is supposed to help train and

equip Mexican security forces. ... President Barack Obama recently sympathized with Calderon's account of the 15,000 or so assault weapons captured by his forces since 2006, almost all of which were from the U.S. But he didn't agree to seek congressional approval for restoring a ban on assault weapons. Obama has not acted on immigration reform and did nothing to stop Congress from blocking cross-border traffic by Mexican trucks, violating the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Calderon just barely won the 2006 presidential election over a leftist populist candidate backed by Venezuela's Hugo Chavez. ... That the United States is failing to fully support a friendly, democratic and capable Mexican government is not only shortsighted; it is dangerous.

By GARRY TRUDEAU



OPINION

Lend a hand? Not if you've sneezed on it.

By GREGORY RODRIGUEZ
Los Angeles Times

When tragedy strikes, people are supposed to band together and find strength in numbers, right? When the well-being of your community is threatened, it's important to look out for your neighbors and lend a hand to those in need, no?

Well, that's what many of us may have thought before all the hysteria about the looming swine flu pandemic.

Last week, as public health officials braced for what they thought was the worst, they were on the verge of prescribing something that may seem counterintuitive to the bleeding hearts among us: If you want to stay alive, stay the heck away from other people.

Maybe I'm too sensitive, but every time I get the sniffles, I invariably wind up feeling insulted by someone telling me not to get too close to them. I mean, I'm feeling lousy and the first thing they tell me is "stay away"? Don't get me wrong. I'm all for self-preservation (and I know, I know — if I'm sick, I should do everyone a favor and go home). But I promise not to sneeze on you, and you could at least feign concern for my well-being. I mean, what if I had swine flu or something?

With all this in mind, I frankly found it rather tacky that Argentina, Cuba and Peru banned all flights to and from Mexico as swine flu spread last week. How do you say, "A friend in need is a friend indeed," in Spanish?

After all the preaching and haranguing we receive daily to care for our fellow man — from religious figures, politicians, dogooders of all stripes and, of course, our mothers — it seems a shame that we'd be

spreading the message that turning away from everyone else is our key to survival.

And, at least at the broadest level, it just wasn't true. At the same time that the president was explaining how the "horse was out of the barn," we were also told by the experts at the World Health Organization that closing borders not only wouldn't stop H1N1, it could cause economic collapse and possibly add to the flu death rate. That's because during a pandemic, we need stuff we can only get from trading partners around the world.

Of course, one way to avoid a virus is to stay away from wherever people congregate. When Vice President Joe Biden suggested staying off commercial airlines and even subways, his aides scrambled to protect the travel industry and tone that down after the fact. I know someone who's avoiding the elevator in her student-filled apartment building downtown and, if more people start to get sick, we could be advised to stay six feet away from one another in public. According to news stories, health officials in every state have submitted emergency plans to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. They all contain some form of what is politely called "social distancing strategies."

In Mexico City, the plans are already in effect: The Zocalo is empty, the schools and churches and movie theaters are closed, and Mexicans have been admonished to stop kissing each other on the cheeks when they greet.

That's all well and good in the short run. But my fear is that long after this flu is forgotten, millions of Mexicans will still not resort to that rather lovely way of saying hello. This could be the cultural moment that turns our touchy-feely southern neighbors into chillier types who hail from



northern latitudes.

But it's not just about social niceties. The distrust in others that such crises breed can influence cultures in the long term.

A decade ago, in a misguided adventure, I hopped on a ship in Cape Town, South Africa, bound for Tristan da Cunha, which has a claim on being the most remote inhabited island on Earth. When I got to this tiny paradise (population 271) seven long and queasy days later, I was stunned to find myself essentially shunned; the locals wanted nothing to do with me. What a warm welcome!

Isolated as they are in the middle of the Atlantic, these folks, particularly the old people, had little immunity to whatever in-

fections or viruses I might have been carrying. You could see that they'd developed a hearty distrust of outsiders because outsiders literally made them sick.

I'd like to think that every crisis leaves us with some sort of life lesson. After 9/11, I renewed my commitment to only live in cities with no worthy targets for symbol-obsessed terrorists. Hurricane Katrina taught us that not all disasters are responded to equally. Now, with a nod to Jean-Paul Sartre, the swine flu scare has almost convinced me of something I never had the heart to admit: Hell is other people.

Gregory Rodriguez is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

Make excellence determining factor in court pick

By DAN THOMASSON

WASHINGTON With the expected departure next month of the most unlikely of Supreme Court justices in modern memory, the Senate is primed for one of those historic confirmation battles that have marred the process for more than four decades, ever since Associate Justice Abraham Fortas was denied elevation to the chief judgeship of the United States.

But whenever President Barack Obama nominates to replace retiring Justice David Souter, the chances are good the nominee won't face what some others have. The numbers for Republicans just aren't there to prolong the confirmation and unless Obama picks a high-risk candidate from far out left field, the process should be comparatively easy. But that is said with the realization that in these crucial matters anything can come up.

The main reason President George H.W. Bush selected Souter back in 1990 had nothing to do with what he had done but with what he hadn't. He was, as one observer at the time remarked, a blank sheet of paper, so antiseptic that no debilitating germs, ideological or personal, had attached themselves to him. An admitted social recluse who had served for a time on the New Hampshire Supreme Court and a couple of months as a federal appeals court jurist, he was the perfect candidate to avoid the battles that had become the Senate norm and often carried out in the living color of television.

Bush told his fellow Republicans that the Harvard-educated New Englander was truly a conservative despite the lack of evidence to back that up and the party's right-oriented base accepted the assur-

ances only to become increasingly agitated as Souter became a solid member of the court's liberal bloc especially on social issues. It wasn't the first time the Senate had been ideologically hornswoggled. Liberals took it on the chin when they voted for President John F. Kennedy's nominee, Byron White, on the premise he was one of them only to find out he was anything but.

The early betting on the next nominee has been pretty much limited to the choice being a woman because there is now only one on the court, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and she has been in a battle with cancer. That, of course, would reduce the field to a point of ridiculousness considering that it would cut out the entire male population no matter their race, creed or qualifications. It was just as silly as denying a seat to women before Ronald Reagan tipped his hat to Sandra Day O'Connor, who became

one of the most respected associate justices of the 20th century.

One would hope that Obama would look beyond the recent practice of basing the choice on such narrow considerations as race, ethnicity or gender and just seek the person he believes is the most qualified to sit in judgment of the vital issues of the day, especially someone who has had to deal with life's many problems and understands them.

Souter certainly was not one of those. He has maintained a lifestyle that included only limited experience in the day-to-day problems that affect most Americans yet over which he was asked to pronounce ultimate resolution. He has no wife or apparent love interest, no children, no home mortgage, no money problems, no next of kin to bug him — only a weathered house in the woods where he can now commune

with nature to his heart's content. There is nothing wrong with that except that such a sterile existence hardly prepares one for the nation's top court.

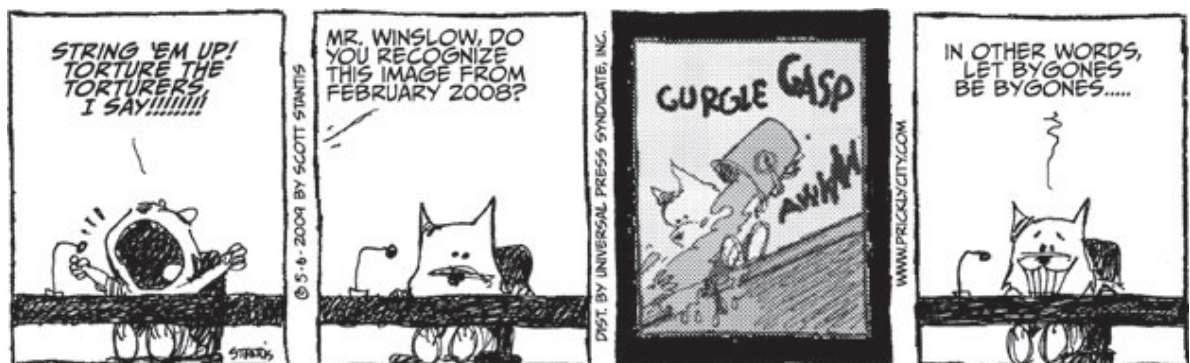
A senator once argued the case of a quite ordinary nominee who ultimately failed by noting that "mediocre" Americans needed representation on the Supreme Court, too. Actually, that is a quota policy that in the past has been too often the case. The president is expected to choose someone who matches his own philosophical leanings. Hopefully that person also will be the most qualified, woman or man. No one should care about much else.

Sadly, over the years some of the best candidates have been overlooked because of considerations that had nothing to do with excellence.

Dan Thomasson is former editor of Scripps Howard News Service.

Prickly City

By SCOTT STANTIS



State GOP picks new chairman

VA RICHMOND — The state GOP's central committee elected Louisa County Republican Chairman Pat Mullins to serve as party chairman until Republicans state-wide vote on a new leader later this month.

In April, the party's ruling committee voted 57-18 to oust embattled Del. Jeff Frederick from the post he had held for just 10 months.

Frederick had angered party leaders by his handling of party finances and embarrassed the party last fall with his widely publicized comparison of Democrat Barack Obama to Osama bin Laden. His position was further weakened when Virginia Republicans lost three U.S. House seats, the state's second Senate seat, and saw Obama become the first Democrat to carry Virginia in a presidential race in 44 years.

Jesse Jackson sued for backing out of speech

IL CHICAGO — The Rev. Jesse Jackson faces a \$100,000 lawsuit that claims the civil rights activist reneged on a 2007 speaking engagement in Trinidad.

American Entertainment International, Inc., based in Allston, Mass., filed the lawsuit in Cook County Circuit Court.

The lawsuit claims Jackson backed out of a Nov. 3, 2007, speech, which caused a loss of almost \$100,000. The suit alleges Jackson didn't attend because he didn't want to show favoritism toward a Trinidadian political party.

Jackson's attorney Paul Langer tells The Associated Press that Jackson "categorically denies the allegations" and intends to fight the lawsuit.

Messages left for American Entertainment and the agency's attorney weren't immediately returned.

Caltech telescope to be decommissioned

HI HONOLULU — A Mauna Kea telescope will be taken down from its near-summit home within the next decade, ending more than 30 years of astronomical observations.

The California Institute of Technology will begin decommissioning the Caltech Submillimeter Observatory in 2016.

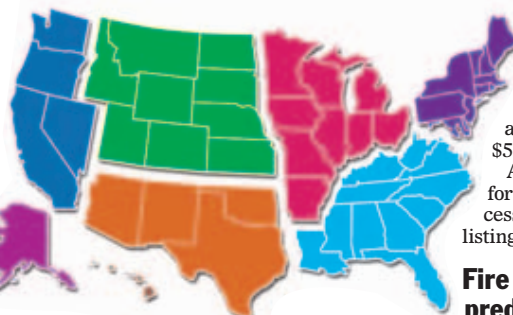
The university plans to return the site to its natural state by 2018.

The 10-meter radio telescope will be replaced by a 25-meter telescope in the high Andes region of northern Chile.

The new observatory, called the Cornell Caltech Atacama Telescope, will open before the Caltech Submillimeter Observatory shuts down.

Police: 2 teens planned campus shooting

CA LOS ANGELES — Police say two suburban high school students had a pair of loaded handguns, a spooky drawing depicting a killing and the inten-



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tion of randomly shooting people on campus.

The boys, ages 15 and 16, were arrested before any violence, after the older boy's stepfather contacted West Covina police to say his guns were missing from a gun locker. One student was arrested at home and the other at school.

Police found a Glock .40-caliber handgun, a Smith & Wesson .357-caliber handgun and several rounds of rifle ammunition at the home of the older boy, but no rifle.

The boys had previously taken the weapons onto the campus of Covina High School three times, and they told investigators they were considering using them, Mitchell said.

Suspected drunk driver caused \$26K in damages

NE FREMONT — Police say a woman arrested in Nebraska on suspicion of drunken driving hit fences, garages and a house as she left a \$26,000 trail of destruction.

Sgt. Ed Watts says the woman's car struck a fence while she was trying to turn into an alley. He says the car next hit a utility pole and then a garage while trying to turn into it. Wyatt says the car then crossed a yard, rammed a fence and hit a house and garage.

Police say they arrested 58-year-old Fremont resident Janis



Let 'er fly

Ameridon Smith, 5, of Peoria, Ill., winds up to cast at Oak Park lagoon.

Brown, who posted a \$200 bond and was released from jail. Authorities say the woman's car also had about \$5,000 in damages.

Attempts to reach Brown for comment were unsuccessful. There is no public listing for her phone number.

Fire managers predict busy season

ID BOISE — Federal fire managers predict relentless drought and low snowpack in northern California will bring a busy wildfire season this summer, a troubling outlook for a region that got scorched last year.

The National Interagency Fire Center, headquartered in Boise, released a 2009 Wildland Fire Outlook on also forecasting above normal fire activity in north-central Washington, southern Arizona and southern New Mexico.

In northern California, where nearly 1 million acres burned last year, the report says a dry spring is expected to exacerbate several years of drought and bring on an early wildfire season.

The potential for significant fire activity is expected to begin in northern California in May and increase from June through August, the report says. The fire center defines "significant fire potential" as a wildfire likely to require help from outside the region where the blaze started.

1 of 3 hikers swept away by river found dead

AZ GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK — At least one person has drowned in the Colorado River after a group of three Arizona hikers jumped in during a visit to the Grand Canyon.

Grand Canyon National Park spokeswoman Maureen Oltrogge says searchers found the body about a mile down river from where the trio had jumped in.

She said searchers were using a helicopter, a dog and other equipment to find the other two. She also said the three were not wearing life vests.

Tri-City Baptist Church spokesman Garrick Taylor says the three hikers, ages 15 to 22, were part of a 30-member trip organized by the church.

Man forced to apologize after harsh letter

MT HELENA — A Montana man who replied to a jury summons with an expletive-filled affidavit has apologized to the court on a judge's orders.

The Smoking Gun Web site posted the affidavit submitted by Erik Slye of Belgrade to the Gallatin County District court in January.

The document shows Slye asked to be excused from jury duty because he didn't want to lose income. It calls court workers "morons" and says that the service was "a complete waste of time."

The automobile painter was ordered by a judge to apologize to court clerks at a hearing recently.

His wife Jennifer says her husband couldn't be reached for comment. She says she was the one who wrote it.



Nimble fingers

in Liberty, Miss.

Maude Parker, 88, handstitches a quilt at the Amite County Bicentennial Celebration



Parental discipline

An adult goose bites the neck of a gosling near the Stewart Park duck pond in Roseburg, Ore. The little one appeared uninjured by the bite.



Funny faces

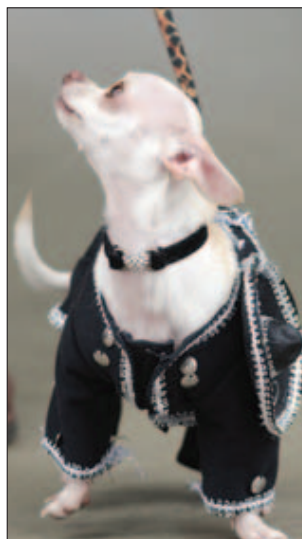
Clowns wave during the 2009 Blossomtime Grand Floral Parade in Benton Harbor, Mich.



The little chef Joby Otter, 3, gets a kick out of kneading batter in a bag at the Day of the Child event held at the Harding Center in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.



A messy lesson Drama teacher Christina Jamerson is coated with ketchup before portraying an accident victim in a mock drunken-driving accident at North Douglas High School in Drain, Ore.



Preening pup Lola participates in the Best Dressed Chihuahua contest in Victoria, Texas.



Still churning The U.S. Navy's LST 325 docks in Paducah, Ky. The ship is the only LST — which stands for landing ship, tank — from World War II still running on its own power.

Blind man dies in fall down elevator shaft

NY NEW YORK — Police are investigating the death of a blind man who fell to his death in an elevator shaft inside his New York City apartment building.

The wife of 67-year-old Sheldon Scott reported him missing about four hours after he left to go to the bank.

Officers who later searched the Bronx building found Scott dead in the elevator shaft. Police say the victim was legally blind.

Authorities are investigating whether malfunctioning doors played a role.

The building has been cited for 14 elevator violations since 1991. A separate complaint logged from a caller reporting Scott's death includes a notation about an "open/unguarded" shaft.

There was no response to a telephone message left with the building's owner.

Great Lakes' water level is OK, study indicates

MI DETROIT — Lakes Huron and Michigan are not losing an unnaturally high volume of water to Lake Erie, and there is no need to place barriers in the St. Clair River to stem the outflow as a Canadian group is demanding, according to a recently released engineering study.

A draft report prepared for the International Joint Commission, which advises the U.S. and Canadian governments on Great Lakes issues, acknowledges that roughly 4.6 billion gallons more than normal escaped daily from Lake Huron in the mid-to-late 1980s.

But the excess was due to natural causes, including a 1984 ice jam that was the biggest on record in the St. Clair River, instead of dredging and other man-made alterations as claimed by the Georgian Bay Association, the report says.

Charges dropped after judge let sleeping juror lie

MA BOSTON — A juror who appeared to snooze through part of a man's trial on cocaine distribution charges led to a nightmare for the defendant.

The Massachusetts Appeals Court overturned the 2006 conviction of Olivio Braun because the judge did not ask the female juror whether she had been sleeping during testimony. The court said a sleeping juror jeopardizes a defendant's constitutional right to a fair trial.

It said the judge failed to question the juror even though he, a court officer and defense lawyer saw her with her head down.

Braun's appeals lawyer, Jose Vazquez, says he was not surprised by the court's decision. He said it doesn't do his client much good even though the conviction will be cleared from his record. Braun has already completed his two-year sentence.

Ex-Clinton attorney found dead in law office

DC WASHINGTON — An attorney who served in the Clinton administration has been found dead in an apparent suicide

at a Washington law firm.

The Atlanta-based firm Kilpatrick Stockton LLP says attorney Mark Levy has died. In a statement, Co-Managing Partner Bill Dorris says Levy was a highly respected for his appearances before the Supreme Court.

Levy served as deputy assistant attorney general in the Department of Justice between 1993 and 1995.

D.C. Police spokeswoman Helen Andrews says investigators believe a man had committed suicide.

Woman pleads guilty to \$70 million scheme

MD GREENBELT — Federal prosecutors say a D.C. woman has pleaded guilty in a mortgage fraud Ponzi scheme that defrauded more than 1,000 people of about \$70 million.

Fifty-year-old Carole Nelson pleaded guilty to money laundering. She will be sentenced Aug. 6 and has agreed to forfeit two homes in Virginia and Washington.

Nelson is one of five officers for Laurel-based Metro Dream Homes who are accused of tricking homeowners into pouring money into the business with the promise that the revenue would be used to pay off their mortgages. Authorities say the scheme ran from 2005 until October 2007.

Prosecutors say the company marketed the mortgage program in seminars at luxury hotels in Maryland, Washington and Beverly Hills, Calif.

Ex-Vatican envoy refuses Notre Dame honor

IN SOUTH BEND — A former U.S. ambassador to the Vatican has told the University of Notre Dame she will not accept the school's top honor as planned because the school is giving President Barack Obama an honorary degree at next month's commencement.

Mary Ann Glendon, an anti-abortion scholar and Harvard University law professor, wrote in a letter to the Rev. John Jenkins, the university president, that giving Obama an honorary degree violates the U.S. bishops' 2004 statement that Roman Catholic institutions shouldn't honor people whose actions conflict with the church's moral principles.

Dozens of bishops have criticized the Obama invitation because of his support for abortion rights and embryonic stem-cell research.

Anarchist may be headed back to U.S.

VA MCLEAN — A U.S. anarchist arrested in Spain after a squatters' rights protest has won acquittal on all charges there but faces possible deportation.

Peter Gelderloos, 26, was arrested in Barcelona in April 2007 and charged with public disorder and illegal demonstration.

Authorities alleged that Gelderloos was an organizer of a squatters' rights protest in a public plaza that created a panic among tourists. Gelderloos countered that he was a mere bystander.

Now, after being forced to stay in Spain, Gelderloos is fighting a deportation bid by that country's government.

Stories and photos from wire services

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Baby Blues



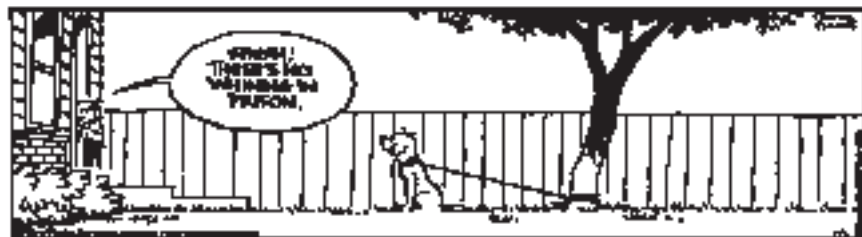
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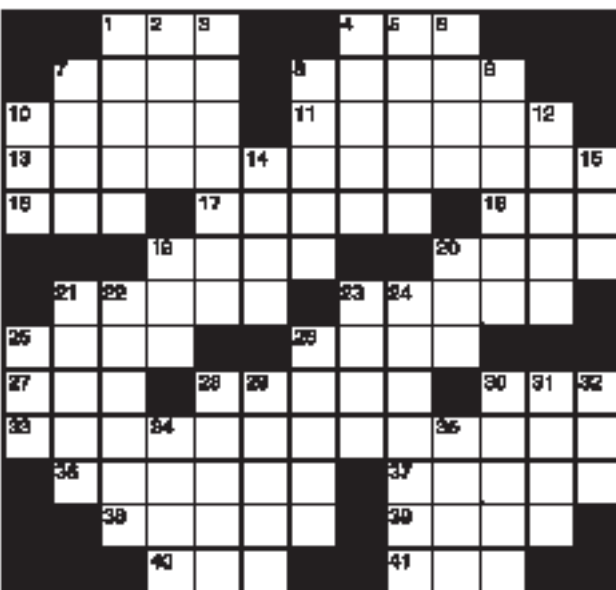
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 4 Gasoline stat
- 7 He gave us a DIT
- 8 Hides away
- 10 Sedative, for short
- 11 Recently
- 13 1967 suspense movie
- 15 Antiquated
- 17 Tittle
- 18 Fourth letter
- 19 Jason's carrier
- 20 Elite alternative
- 21 Cash storage structures
- 22 Gold measure
- 23 Calendar abbr.
- 25 Starter
- 27 As well
- 28 Green sauce
- 30 Feathery accessory
- 33 Star of 13-Across
- 34 Pakistan city
- 37 Ballroom favorite
- 38 Red Square figure
- 39 Vortex
- 40 Sailor's accent
- 41 Pl.

DOWN

- 1 Composed
- 2 Intimate
- 3 Knighthood candidate
- 4 Mario Puzo subject
- 5 Prescriptions, often
- 6 Alumnus
- 7 Kind of history or hygiene
- 8 Gambling game
- 9 Ancient anarchy
- 10 Pair
- 12 Not slouching
- 14 Eggie quaff
- 15 Maine —
- 16 Starward
- 24 Opposite of post-
- 25 Asian city
- 26 Footless
- 27 Charlie Brown's nemesis?
- 28 Took as one's own
- 29 RR stop
- 30 War
- 31 Indiana's state flower
- 32 High nest (var.)
- 33 Type of pan
- 34 Unrestrained revelry
- 35 Year in Acapulco
- 36 Cornmeal
- 37 Caroline
- 38 Commanded

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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 LOOKING INTO THE NIGHT SKY: THE BIG DIAPER.
 Today's Cryptquip Clue: Y equals P

Wife's 'humor' leaves its mark

Dear Abby: My wife thinks it's funny when she hits me. The other day I was splitting some wood and decided to take a break. I began driving golf balls into the field.

She came out, grabbed the club out of my hands and whacked me in the leg with it. When I asked her why, she said, "Get back to work!" and started laughing.

I was left with a large welt and a big bruise.

Another time she bought some king crab legs for dinner.

When I asked her if she was serving anything else with them, she picked up a crab claw and hit me in the forehead with it. She thought it was funny.

I ended up in the emergency room with three stitches.

Last night, I was trying to add up our bills on the computer.

She walked in and smacked me in the chin with the keyboard. She said I should be able to do the bills on paper like a normal person.

We have been together nine years, married for three.

I love her with all my heart, but I'm getting tired of her little "jokes."

How can I approach her?

I want her to know how I feel, but I'm afraid to offend her or make her angry.

— **Frustrated in Oregon**

Dear Frustrated:

Why are you afraid to speak your mind? Are you afraid she'll hit you again?

Your wife has a sadistic sense of humor and enjoys seeing you in pain.

Unless you draw the line, she will cause you serious injury.

Regardless of how much you love her, for your own safety you should get the heck out of there. What you have described is a form of spousal abuse, and it will escalate.

That's why I'm urging you to contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

The toll-free number is (800) 799-7233.

The counselors there offer guidance to women AND men who are being abused by their spouse or partner.

Another organization, SAFE (Stop Abuse for Everyone), also assists victims of abuse regardless of age, gender or sexual orientation.

Its Web site is www.safe4all.org.

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Dear Abby



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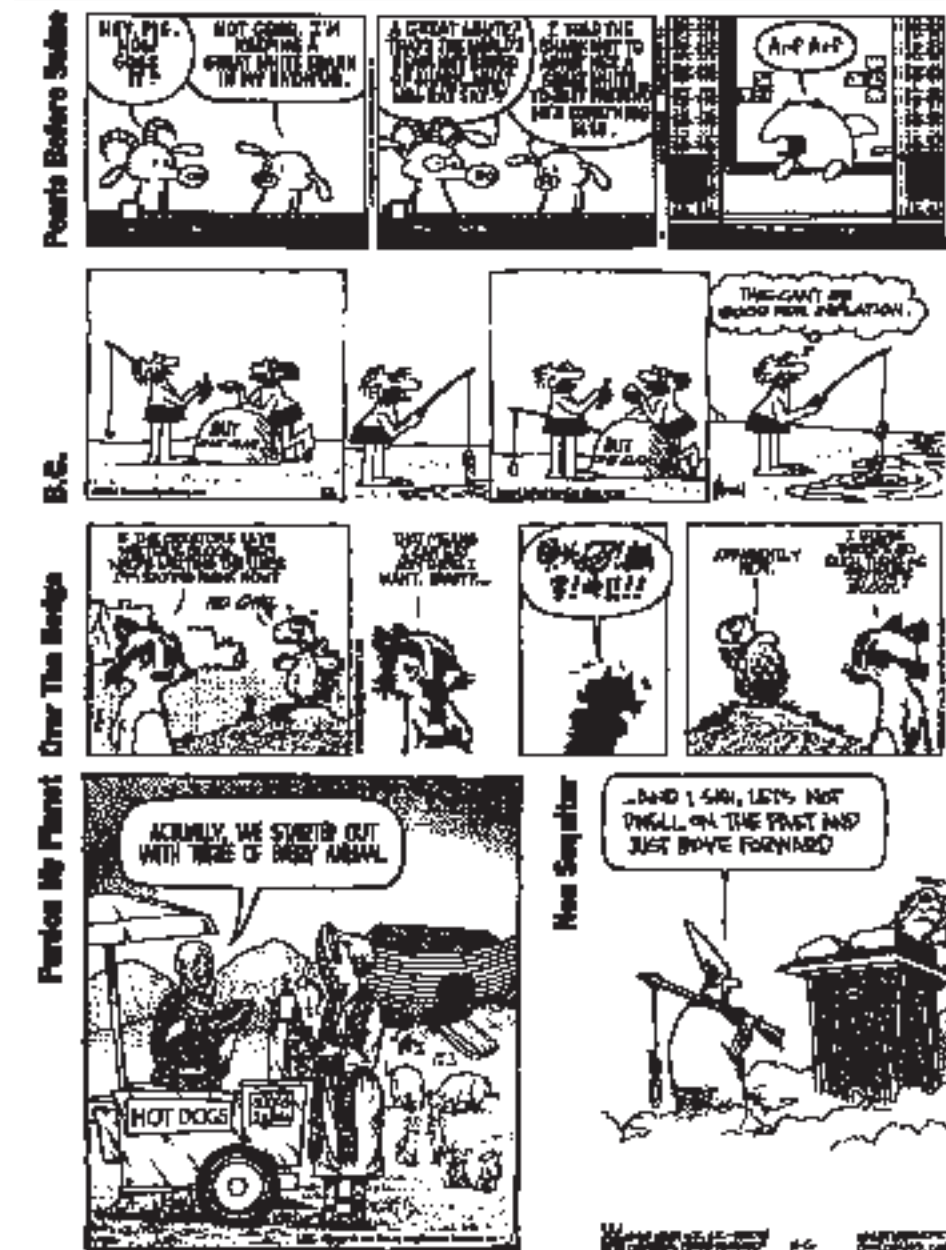
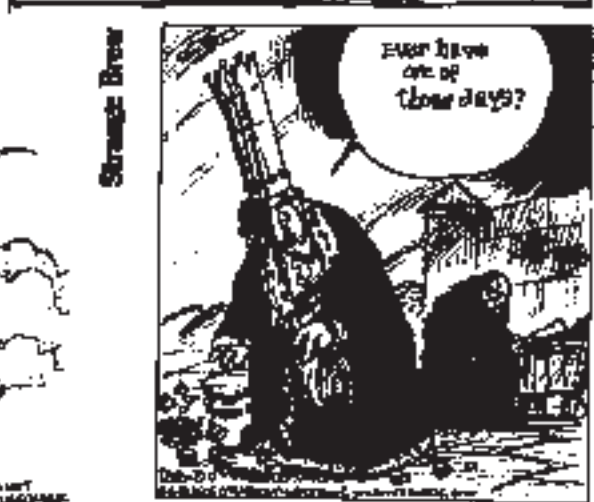
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Anglin and Jeff Kunkin



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Atsugi - 2006 Nissan Frontier Crew Cab (US Spec), red, 15,000 miles. Power doors, windows, stereo, A/C, AM/FM/CD/DVD/MP3, 10" sub and amp. JCI due March 2010, 2009 road tax paid. \$14,000 OBO. Contact Scott at 264-9853 or 9029083706.

Atsugi - Blue 1996 Honda Odyssey. Japanese Navigation / GPS System. Custom stereo and rims. New tires. Sun roof. Keyless entry. Road Tax Paid. JCI and Base Inspection up to date. Call Dave / Jen. 264-7933.

Yokosuka - 1995 Nissan Skyline. R826 engine. Engine and suspension heavily modified. Lots of aftermarket components. VERY fast. 5 speed. 41K km. Power everything. JCI expires Dec 09. Dark blue with veliside body kit. Asking \$12,000 obo. Email diablo_2b@hotmail.com.

Yokosuka, Japan - For Sale! 2003 Nissan Skyline GT 350, only 13,800 miles. 5-speed automatic. Luxury edition. Clean Black leather interior. Dual auto temperature control. V-6 3.5i 280hp. Very Fast! And economical 19mpg city and 26mpg Highway DVD Navigation System in Dash 8 Speaker Bose system. Selling for ONLY \$16,800 OBO. For details, email hnz-jason@gmail.com

Yokosuka, Japan - 1990 Nissan Skyline GT-S 4 door CD A/C heat pw windows lock runs great 109,000km JCI good until Feb. 2010 road tax paid. \$550. Call 480-302-4444 or email mxc2502000@yahoo.com

Autos for Sale 141

Yokosuka, Japan - 1991 Toyota Hilux Surf 4x4 FUN SUV 2 year JCI expire April 2011 (\$500 value) Premium sound with SUB and AMP. AM/FM CD with AUX input. 16" alloy rims with new oversized 265X75X16 Tires Sunroof and COLD AC for the summer and scorching heat for the winter. EVERYTHING works runs great no issues recently serviced and inspected. Asking \$2300 OBO Please call 720-257-6792

Yokosuka, Japan - 1992 Mark II For sale \$2200 OBO JCI good until Mar. Great car has 100K in excellent condition. Has A/C. Power Steering, CD player, Connections for Subwoofer plenty of Trunk space. JCI good until March 2011. Road Tax paid on 16 April 2009. Asking \$2200 OBO If interested gives me a call at 904-229-0417 or emails me at Docious78@yahoo.com

Yokosuka, Japan - 1992 Nissan Serena due to PCS will be available in June Brand new engine! Seats 8 JCI is due Sept 30th 2009, and we PCS in June too early to get it updated. JCI cost us \$363.00 which we have taken off the sticker price. Passes Base pre-inspection no defects, come for a test drive today! JCI until 30 Sept. 09 Asking \$700 Please call 614-358-4882

Yokosuka, Japan - 1992 Toyota 4Runner Please contact 080-3504-9170 for a test drive JCI until April 09 asking \$1500 Please call 801-363-0652 or email a192chico@hotmail.com

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Yokosuka, Japan - 1994 Red Toyota Celica for sale. Very clean and well-maintained by non-smoking owner 103,000 Km (64,000 miles), automatic transmission, A/C, power windows and AM/FM/CD/cassette Stereo JCI good until May 2011 and 2009 Road Tax just paid. Portable GPS included (US & Japanese maps). Asking \$2500. Please call 313-347-0283 or email nicole.avci@yahoo.af.mil

Yokosuka, Japan - 1995 Toyota Soarer w/sunroof Cold AC, CD player and navigation system with 4 inch screen. Power steering, automatic transmission, auto windows/doors. Clean inside and out. JCI until 2010 totally worth the price a steal at \$2500. Please call Antonio or Chiquita at 904-229-0417 or e-mail at Docious78@yahoo.com or chiquitamack@yahoo.com

Yokosuka, Japan - 1995 green Toyota Windom 19700 1yr JCI nice, clean, 4 door sedan V-6, runs great. Automatic transmission. Keyless entry Power locks, power windows, power seats. Working AC and heater large trunk CD player, cassette and AM/FM radio 2009 road tax paid. JCI due April 2010. Non smoker Please call or email to see 404-478-4605 Asking \$1700

Yokosuka, Japan - 1996 Honda Odyssey Great reliable family car. Just JCI'd. AWD. Moonroof, sunroof, TV, 6-disc CD changer, and many other extras JCI due Jan 2011 JCI expires 30 Jan. 2011 Please call 1407-737-1349 or email tadlongshake@yahoo.com

Yokosuka, Japan - 1996 Red Ford Explorer Great Condition! Clean interior! Disc Changer! PWR Locks! PWR Windows! Runs Good! AWD/2WD Off-Road Tires! Gray Interior! Keyless Entry! Keyless starter! Viper Alarm! JCI till Sept 2010 asking \$1800 Call 225-4145 or 080-3500-0978 or email jorel.lugo@yokota.af.mil

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Yokota, Japan - 1996 Toyota Sprinter (Corolla) Nice, clean, 4 door sedan. JCI until June 09. 4cylinder great Automatic transmission. Power locks & power windows. Working A/C and heater. Cassette and AM/FM radio 2009 road tax paid. Non smoker. Bought from Johnson's off base and passed JCI (with the exception of an expired tire) w/ 50K kilometers, and has 60K kilometers (37K miles). Never had any problems with it please call or email to see or you have any questions. Asking \$1900 443-283-0661; ung.one@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Toyota Starlet I recently had my driving privileges suspended for 6 months so I am trying to sell this car ASAP. I just got this car last week so nothing has been done to it. It is in great shape. 5 speed transmission. Recaro driver's seat. Razo shifter knob. Racing pedals. Clean inside and out. A/C and Heat work fine. Just needs JCI and plates. If you would like to see the car you can contact me at 713-490-0819 or email me at ronald1.matthew@yokota.af.mil asking \$2500 OBO

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Yokota, Japan - 97 Honda Wagon Lots of Extra's Low miles, runs excellent, JCI is good until 2011. Road tax just Paid. Asking \$2700 Please email thepampersdampers4u@yahoo.com or call 210-547-9918

Yokota, Japan - '98 Honda Inspire 111K mileage Self-adjusting automatic timing belt tension on the VTEC 2.5 engine. Power windows/locks/steeing. In dash Navigator/Television and CD player. Custom wheels, double airbags, rear spoiler (lighted). Road Tax already paid and JCI due in November of 2009. Asking \$2400.00 Click here for bigger photo: http://i4.photobucket.com/albums/y117/Krowdon/car/1998hondainspire1.jpg Please call 080-6664-1034 or email krowdon.graphics@gmail.com

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Yokota, Japan - Largo Van on the Cheap! Brown/Tan Largo van - Must go PCS in a couple of weeks. Good condition: A/C and heat work well. Requires JCI in May and road tax very flexible on price asking \$500 OBO Please call 216-619-8497 or email elliot.boatman@yokota.af.mil

Motorcycles 164

Yokosuka - 2000 Ducati 748R Yellow and White. Just off the crate from Italy. Excellent condition with few minor shipping scratches. Comes with Marchesini wheels, Termignoni carbon pipes, PC III and other few performance and cosmetic mods, original stock parts, stands, AGV Valentino Helmets and Spidi racing suit if desired. Asking \$6500 OBO. Pics available upon request at mariolovessu@yahoo.com or delgadom/cvn73.navy.mil

Baby Items 200

Atsugi - Peg Perego Aria Twin Light Weight Stroller - side-by-side stroller folds easily and compactly; great for toddler and infant or twins; stroller weighs 14lbs; spacious basket under stroller; removable, hand-washable upholstery; handle for carrying when folded; asking \$50 OBO. Call Sarah at 264-7193.

Yokota, Japan - Baby Swing This swing is low to the ground. It works but is missing the cover to the battery compartment. Asking \$25 Please call 080-6574-4454 or email caseyrodiguez@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Bouncy Seat This is a blue bouncer that also has a setting for vibrations and soft nursery music. In great condition asking \$15 Please call 080-6574-4454 or email caseyrodiguez@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - GRACO PACK N PLAY YARD Only used it maybe three or four times while we were in the states on vacation it's still in the original box it looks similar to the one in the picture except mine has a mobile and a diaper changing area to go with the play yard. Asking \$60 Please call 94-9258-6866 or email sharon4college@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - KOLCRAFT TINY STEP 2-IN-1 WALKER Bought in the states while on vacations only used it a few times, I still have the box for it. Asking \$40 Please email sharon4college@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Kolcraft Swing Great condition! Please see photo. Very clean Seats newborns in a laid back position and also turns upright as the baby grows. Asking \$35 Please call 080-6574-4454

Books 250

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Cellular Phones 280

Yokota, Japan - I'm selling two Softbank cell phones, all you have to do is put your sim cards in the phones. I own a Pantone 812SH which is metallic blue has a few scratches, but nothing serious. And I own a 707SC, which is blue. This phone is in great condition. I'm PCS'ing soon, so I'm trying to get rid of the phones. The 812SH is being sold for \$35. And the 707SC is being sold for \$35. Please email Jessalouise13@hotmail.com

Clothing 320

Yokota, Japan - Purple dress size 24 I never wore this dress, the person who gave it to me never wore it either. It does not accent my shape the way I want it to. Beautiful dress though! Asking \$15 OBO Call 720-257-6857 or email sunflowers1648@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Size 18-20 Black leather jacket! Lightly worn \$200 jacket! I lost weight I no longer want the jacket. Asking \$80 OBO Please call 720-257-6857 or email sunflowers1648@yahoo.com

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Computers 360

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Furniture 510

Yokota - Bakers cabinet with drawers storage. \$200.00. Call 225-8585-7769, cell 080-3467-8034.

Yokota, Japan - Complete Toddler Bedroom Set Excellent condition. Under 1 year old Set includes: Solid wood toddler bed with mattress, bed rails, bottom and top sheet, and matching blanket and pillow case. Solid wood toy box with matching storage and lift top lid (pinch free construction). Matching book shelf and area rug Solid wood toy box with matching design and lift top lid (pinch free construction). We would love to take this with us back to the States, but we just can't fit it. A value of over \$300 asking only \$150 Please call 090-8478-1050 or email japannmissions@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Dining room table, we are PCS'ing and getting new furniture. The table is a dark glass rectangle shape with 4 black chairs. Please call for info. Asking \$100 OBO Please call 720-257-6857 or email sunflowers1648@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - End table and coffee table Black with gold trim. Very nice but I am getting new furniture and PCS'ing. Asking \$30 each OBO Please call 720-257-6857 or email sunflowers1648@yahoo.com

Furniture 510

Yokota, Japan - Entertainment center- able to hold up to a 36" TV with shelves for DVD player, video games, or just to hold movies. Asking \$60 matching side table asking \$25 asking \$80 for both Please contact me at T_bone281@me.com or at 090-1395-4410

Yokota, Japan - Large living room sofa for sale great condition. Light brown/gold velour is compatible with many color schemes. Attractive design, buyer arranges to move the sofa. Asking \$100 OBO Please call 225-4711

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Furniture/Appliances 511

Yokota - For sale Hitachi A/Cheater with all detachment. Used 1 season. \$300.00. Call 225-8585-7769, cell 080-3467-8034.

Yokota, Japan - Fellowes Paper Shredder, Stand Fan, and Hoover Vactac stand fan 3-speed oscillates \$10; Upright vacuum with attachments nice condition \$20; paper special filter work well \$10. Please call 6143584904 or email garyschwamm@hotmail.com

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Boston vs. Carolina

Boston 4, Carolina 1
Sunday: Carolina 3, Boston, 0, series tied 1-1

Wednesday: Boston at Carolina
Friday: Boston at Carolina
Sunday, May 10: Carolina at Boston
Tuesday, May 12: Boston at Carolina*
Thursday, May 14: Carolina at Boston*

Washington vs. Pittsburgh

Washington 3, Pittsburgh 2, Washington leads series 1-0

Monday: Pittsburgh at Washington
Wednesday: Washington at Pittsburgh

Friday: Washington at Pittsburgh
Saturday, May 9: Pittsburgh at Washington*

Monday, May 11: Washington at Pittsburgh*
Wednesday, May 13: Pittsburgh at Washington*

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Detroit vs. Anaheim

Detroit 3, Anaheim 2
Sunday: Anaheim 4, Detroit 3, 3OT, series tied 1-1

Tuesday: Detroit at Anaheim
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Vancouver 5, Chicago 3
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Sunday

Ducks 4, Red Wings 3 (3OT)

Anaheim 2 1 0 0 0 1-4
 Detroit 2 0 1 0 0 0-3

First Period—1, Detroit, Stuart 1 (Lidstrom, Hudler), 6:00 (pp). 2, Anaheim, Getzlaf 3 (Perry, Ryan), 8:16. 3, Anaheim, Pronger 2 (Getzlaf, Perry), 8:50 (pp). 4, Detroit, Samuelsson 1 (Filipula, Lebeda), 13:54.

Second Period—5, Anaheim, Carter 2 (S.Niederemayer, Getzlaf), 4:42 (pp).

Third Period—6, Detroit, Franzen 4 (Zetterberg, Cleary), 5:19.

Third Overtime—7, Anaheim, Marchant 1 (Wisniewski), 1:15.

Shots on Goal—Anaheim 12-10-7-6-9-2—46. Detroit 12-6-15-14-15-0—62.

Power-play opportunities—Anaheim 2 of 4; Detroit 1 of 3.

Goalies—Anaheim, Hiller 5-3-0 (62 shots-59 saves). Detroit, Osgood 5-1-0 (46-42).

A—20,066 (20,066). T—4:22.

Hurricanes 3, Bruins 0

Carolina 0 2 1-3
 Boston 0 0 0-0

Second Period—1, Carolina, Corvo 1 (Staal, Cole), 2:30. 2, Carolina, Cullen 1 (LaRose), 7:52 (sh).

Third Period—3, Carolina, Staal 6 (Corvo), 19:32 (en).

Shots on Goal—Carolina 13-9-3—25. Boston 8-12-16—36.

Power-play opportunities—Carolina 0 of 1; Boston 0 of 4.

Goalies—Carolina, C.Ward 5-4-0 (36 shots-36 saves). Boston, Thomas 5-1-0 (24-22).

A—17,565 (17,565). T—2:26.

2009 playoff overtime goals

First Round

April 16 — Chicago 3, Calgary 2, OT, Martin Havlat, :12.

April 17 — Carolina 2, New Jersey 1, OT, Tim Gleason, 2:40.

April 17 — Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia, 2, OT, Bill Guerin, 19:29.

April 19 — New Jersey 3, Carolina 2, OT, Travis Zajac, 4:58.

April 21 — Vancouver 3, St. Louis 2, OT, Alex Burrows, 19:41.

April 25 — San Jose 3, Anaheim 2, OT, Patrick Marleau, 6:02.

Conference Semifinals

May 3 — Anaheim 4, Detroit 3, 3OT, Todd Marchant, 1:15.

Calendar

April 24-May 10 — IIHF World Championship, Switzerland.

May 25-30 — NHL Combine, Toronto.

June 15 — Last possible day for Stanley Cup finals.

June 18 — NHL awards show at Las Vegas.

June 26-27 — NHL draft, Montreal.

July 1 — Free agency signing period begins.

July 5 — Deadline for player-elected salary arbitration.

July 6 — Deadline for club-elected salary arbitration.

July 10 — Deadline for eligible players to elect Group 5 free agency.

July 20-Aug. 4 — Salary arbitration hearings held.

Aug. 6 — Deadline for salary arbitration decisions to be rendered.

Heading home with momentum

Blackhawks carry home-ice advantage back to Chicago

By RICK GANO
 The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The young Chicago Blackhawks wrested home-ice advantage away from the Vancouver Canucks with speed, resiliency and a relentless attack that produced five unanswered scores against one of the NHL's top goaltenders.

Chicago's ability to use long breakout passes helped the offense get moving. And moving is what the Blackhawks do best, a young team with skilled and quick skaters who've also been able to create a crowd at the crease.

"That's one of our strengths — it's been one of our strengths all year — is our team speed and we feel like we have the ability to use it and when we are using it, we can carry the pace and push the pace of the play and make it tough on teams," Chicago's Adam Burish said. "When we do that and our 'D' is active, we come in waves."

That's what they did Saturday night in a 6-3 victory over the Canucks that tied the Western Conference semifinals at 1-1. Games 3 and 4 are Tuesday and Thursday in Chicago.

Trailing 2-0 after two power-play goals by Vancouver, the Blackhawks regrouped with a rush in the second period. Shortly after a spectacular diving stick



The Chicago Blackhawks' Nikolai Khabibulin celebrates his team's 6-3 victory over the Vancouver Canucks in Game 2 of the Western Conference semifinals on Saturday in Vancouver, British Columbia.

THE CANADIAN PRESS
 DARRYL DYCK/AP

save by Roberto Luongo against Ben Eager, the Blackhawks took off. They scored three times in the period — with the go-ahead score coming short-handed.

Dave Bolland broke free as the Canucks were on a power play, gloved a high clearing attempt from defenseman Duncan Keith and then went in and deked Luongo to make it 3-2.

"It's just a product of our forwards getting open and our defense recognizing it," Blackhawks defenseman Brent Seabrook said.

"We've got some very capable

guys that can move the puck back there and having that look and that pass has really helped us."

And as Vancouver tries to make adjustments and find a way to win in Chicago, the Canucks could be without versatile defenseman Sami Salo. He left the ice after scoring Vancouver's first goal Saturday night with a lower-body injury.

Salo didn't fly to Chicago on Sunday with the team, staying behind in Vancouver for treatment. His availability for Game 3 wasn't known. Center Ryan Johnson was

on the flight and was expected to play after an injury scare blocking a late shot.

Vancouver knows it has to slow Chicago and be steadier with the puck and its defense.

"They're a good team. They can score in bunches," Vancouver defenseman Kevin Bieksa said Sunday.

"We let off the gas in the second period there, had a couple goals we'd like to have back with defensive zone coverages and stuff like that. We didn't play our best hockey but you're not going to win every game in the playoffs."

Chicago goalie Nikolai Khabibulin got his first victory over Vancouver since 1998. He'd been 0-11-1 since that victory 11 years ago.

"Getting this win was huge for him and huge for the team for sure, but I think huge for him on a personal level, just to get over that hump and realize that we can beat them and Khabibulin is a guy that can get us there," Seabrook said.

The Hawks, meanwhile, were able to solve Luongo — at least for one night. It was Vancouver's first loss in these playoffs after sweeping St. Louis in the first round.

"Sometimes you have one of those games as a team," Luongo said. "We've been playing really well for a while, so we just have to forget about it and get ready for Tuesday."

Ward, 'Canes shut out Bruins in Game 2

By HOWARD ULMAN
 The Associated Press

BOSTON — The "desperate" Boston Bruins kept firing shots at Cam Ward. The "rock" of the Carolina Hurricanes kept stopping them.

The playoff MVP in Carolina's 2006 Stanley Cup victory, Ward turned aside 36 shots for his second shutout in his last four playoff games and the Hurricanes won 3-0 Sunday night for a split of the first two games.

"He's our rock," Eric Staal said. "He needs to play well every night for us to have a shot and he did."

It was a description that was confirmed to coach Paul Maurice — very loudly — on a shot in the third period that Ward knocked away with his pad.

"I didn't expect to hear that sound," Maurice said. "It came off that pad hard, so that's a glimpse of how good he is."

Joe Corvo, Matt Cullen and Staal, on an empty-net goal with 28 seconds left, scored for the Hurricanes, who will be home for Games 3 and 4 Wednesday and Friday nights.

They also split their first two games of the first round at New Jersey, then lost the next game at home in overtime to the Devils.

"We're looking to learn our lessons because we felt this good going back to Game 3 with New Jersey," Maurice said. "[The Bruins] are going to come in, in some ways without the pressure of playing at home and being creative."

There was plenty of pressure when they began the third period trailing 2-0.

"We played really good in the third period," Boston captain Zdeno Chara. "We were really desperate to score a goal."

He played a part in putting the Bruins in that predicament.

The Bruins got the man advantage with 6:24 gone in the second period when Joni Pitkanen was sent off for elbowing Chara, a finalist for the Norris Trophy as the NHL's best defenseman, passed the puck toward Dennis Wideman at the right point, but Chad LaRose stepped between them and stole it.

He raced down the left side, skated behind the net and fed the puck out front to Cullen, who snapped a one-timer past Thomas.

The Bruins were the last unbeaten team in the playoffs after Detroit lost to Anaheim 4-3 in triple overtime Sunday. Boston goalie Tim Thomas' winning streak ended at 11 games, including the last six of the regular season.

"It's our first loss in the playoffs," Thomas said. "We've been practicing the not-too-high part, but now we get to practice the not-too-low part."

Ward preserved his shutout with 6:37 left when Michael Ryder pounced on a loose puck in front of the net. Ward flashed his left pad out to stop the shot then made a save after Wideman got the rebound.

"I felt confident," Ward said. "I felt like I was seeing (the puck) really well and I was containing the rebounds."

The Hurricanes nearly made it 3-0 with less than 3 seconds left in the second period when LaRose's shot from the inside edge of the left circle beat Thomas to the far side. The puck ricocheted from the post along the goal line. An official signaled that it hadn't crossed the goal line, a call that stood after a long video review.

Ward's first playoff shutout of the year came in a 4-0 win in Game 6 against New Jersey.



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Carolina Hurricanes center Eric Staal scores an empty-net goal in the third period against the Boston Bruins on Sunday in Boston. The Hurricanes shut out the Bruins 3-0.

The Hurricanes took a 1-0 lead at 2:30 of the second period on Corvo's rising slap shot from 5 feet above the left circle that went by Thomas' left arm.

The win was Carolina's first of the season against Boston, which went 4-0 in the regular season, then won Friday night's opener 4-1.

SCOREBOARD

Sports on AFN

Wednesday
AFN-Sports, 1:30 a.m.—MLB: Houston at Washington.
AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.—NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference semifinal, Game 1, Atlanta at Cleveland.
AFN-Xtra, 9 a.m.—NHL playoffs: Western Conference semifinal, Game 3, Vancouver at Chicago.
AFN-Sports, 11:30 a.m.—NBA playoffs: Western Conference semifinal, Game 2, Dallas at Denver.
AFN-Xtra, 11:30 a.m.—NHL playoffs: Western Conference semifinal, Game 3, Detroit at Anaheim.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—MLB: Boston at N.Y. Yankees (dtd).
AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.—NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference semifinal, Game 1, Atlanta at Cleveland (dtd).

Thursday
AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.—NBA playoffs: Western Conference semifinal, Game 2, Dallas at Denver (dtd).
AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.—NHL playoffs: Eastern Conference semifinal, Game 3, Washington at Pittsburgh.
AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.—NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference semifinal, Game 2, Houston at L.A. Lakers.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference semifinal, Game 2, Orlando at Boston (dtd).
AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.—NBA playoffs: Western Conference semifinal, Game 2, Houston at L.A. Lakers (dtd).
All times are Japan and Korea Standard; (dtd) indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

High school

Guam
Girls soccer
Monday's summary
Guam High 4, St. John's 3 (SO)
At Tamuning
Guam High wins shootout 3-1
Halftime score—St. John's 3, Guam High 2.
Regulation goals—Guam High, Megan Speck 2 (10), Carmina Sheaks 1 (1).

Japan
Girls soccer
Saturday's summary
Yokota 2, Yokohama International 2
At Yokota Air Base
Halftime score—Yokota, Jennifer Black 1 (19), Lexus Perez 1 (3). **Assist**—Yokota, Jennifer Black 1. **Sent off**—Haley Sauls, Yokota, denial of clear goal-scoring opportunity inside the penalty area.
Baseball
Saturday's summary
Robert D. Edgren 12, Yokota 8
At Misawa Air Base
Yokota 130 102 1—8
Edgren 041 205 X—12
1 R, L—Luna, 1 2 H, 1 R, L—Sayer Austin, 7 IP, 9 H, 12 R. **Batting**—Edgren, Washington 2-for-2, Ptomey 2-for-4, Luna 2-for-4.
Friday's summary
Yokota 7, Robert D. Edgren 6
At Misawa Air Base
Yokota 000 420 1—6
Edgren 103 011 0—7
W—Sharbutt, 7 IP, 8 H, 6 R. L—Luna, 7 IP, 8 H, 7 R. **Batting**—Edgren, Nelson 2-for-4.

Boxing

Fight schedule
May 9
At El Paso, Texas, Jorge Linares, Tokyo, vs. Josafat Perez, Mexico, 12, for Linares' WBA super featherweight title.
At the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Chad Dawson, New Haven, Conn., vs. Antonio Tarver, Tampa, Fla., 12, for Dawson's IBF-IBO light heavyweight title.
May 12
At TBA, Thailand, Denkaoson Kaovichit, Thailand, vs. Hiroyuki Hisatake, Japan, 12, for Kaovichit's flyweight title.
May 16
At Planet Hollywood, Las Vegas, Ron Johnson, Las Vegas, vs. John Johnson, Memphis, 12, for the vacant WBF light heavyweight title.
At Oracle Arena, Oakland, Calif., Andre Ward, Oakland, Calif., vs. Edison Miranda, Colombia, 12, for Ward's NABO-NABF super middleweight title.
May 22
At Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla., Odianier Solis, Germany, vs. Fres Oquendo, Chicago, 10, heavyweight title.
May 30
Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Hollywood, Fla., Andre Berto, Winter Haven, Fla., vs. Juan Urango, Miami, 12, welterweights; Alfredo Angulo, Coacchella, Calif., vs. Kermit Cintron, Reading, Pa., 12, light middleweights.

Deals

Sunday's transactions
BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Placed RHP Dennis Sarfate on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 2. Recalled RHP Bob McCrory from Norfolk (IL).
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Placed INF Tony Pena Jr. on the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of INF Luis Hernandez from Omaha (PCL).
LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Optioned RHP Fernando Rodriguez to Salt Lake (PCL).
MINNESOTA TWINS—Activated RHP Jesse Crain from the 15-day DL. Optioned C Jose Morales to Rochester (IL).
NEW YORK YANKEES—Placed LHP Damos Marte on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Anthony Claggett from Scranton/Wilkes Barre (IL).
SEATTLE MARINERS—Signed OF Jerry Owens to a minor league contract.
National League
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Mike MacDougal on a minor league contract.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Named Michael Dee chief executive officer.

Tennis

BMW Open
Monday
Munich
Purse: \$450,000
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, def. Bjorn Phau, Germany, 6-2, 2-1, retired.
Nicolas Kiefer (6), Germany, def. Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Mikhail Youzhni, Russia, def. Ivo Minar, Czech Republic, 6-3, 7-6 (5).
Jeremy Chardy, France, def. Evgeny Korolev, Russia, 6-3, 6-3.
First Round
Nicolas Almagro (3), Spain, def. Jan Hernych, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-4.

Italian Open
Monday
At Foro Italico
Rome
Purse: \$1.5 million
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Aleksandra Wozniak, Canada, def. Sara Errani, Italy, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4.
Caroline Wozniacki (9), Denmark, def. Agnes Szavay, Hungary, 6-3, 6-2.
Ilie Zheng (14), China, def. Ai Sugiyama, Japan, 6-3, 7-5.
Virginie Razzano, France, def. Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, 6-0, 6-7 (8), 6-4.
Kateryna Bondarenko, Ukraine, def. Roberta Vinci, Italy, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Jie Zheng (14), China, def. Nathalie Dechy, France, 6-1, 7-6 (4).
Anna Chakvetadze, Russia, def. Anabel Medina Garrigues (15), Spain, 6-2, 6-3.
Agnieszka Radwanska (10), Poland, def. Alona Bondarenko, Ukraine, 6-0, 6-1.
Elena Vesnina, Russia, def. Jill Craybas, U.S., 1-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Second Round
Venus Williams (4), U.S., def. Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.
Victoria Azarenka (6), Belarus, def. Ayumi Morita, Japan, 6-0, retired.

Sunday
First Round
Francesca Schiavone, Italy, def. Alberta Brianti, Italy, 6-3, 6-4.
Ayumi Morita, Japan, def. Monica Niculescu, Romania, 6-1, 6-3.
Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, def. Anne Keothavong, Britain, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Marion Bartoli (11), France, def. Peng Shuai, China, 6-0, 7-6 (3).
Kaia Kanepi (16), Estonia, def. Vania King, U.S., 6-4, 6-3.
Petia Schuster, Switzerland, def. Mariana Duque Marino, Colombia, 7-6 (1), 6-3.
Sybille Bammer, Austria, def. Li Na, China, 7-6 (3), 4-6, 6-3.
Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, def. Vera Dushkevina, Russia, 6-4, 6-1.
Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, def. Mariya Koryttseva, Ukraine, 7-6 (5), 6-2.
Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, def. Samantha Stosur, Australia, 6-4, 6-2.
Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez, Spain, def. Amelie Mauresmo, France, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2.

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Pro soccer

MLS
Eastern Conference
W L T Pts GF GA
D.C. United 3 1 3 12 11 9
Toronto FC 3 2 3 12 10 10
Chicago 2 0 5 11 13 10
Kansas City 3 3 1 10 9 8
New England 2 2 2 8 5 11
Columbus 0 2 5 5 8 12
New York 1 5 2 5 5 10
Western Conference
W L T Pts GF GA
Chivas USA 6 1 1 19 11 3
Seattle FC 4 2 1 13 10 4
Colorado 3 2 2 11 10 8
Real Salt Lake 3 3 0 9 12 8
Houston 2 2 2 8 6 5
Los Angeles 1 4 7 7 7 12
San Jose 1 5 4 5 4 14
FC Dallas 1 5 4 5 4 14
Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.
Saturday's games
Columbus 1, Toronto FC 1, tie
D.C. United 2, FC Dallas 1
Seattle FC 1, Chicago 1, tie
Colorado 2, Real Salt Lake 0
Los Angeles 1, New York 0
Chivas USA 1, San Jose 0
Sunday's game
Houston 2, New England 0
Wednesday's games
D.C. United at Kansas City
Los Angeles at Real Salt Lake
Friday's game
San Jose at Seattle FC
Saturday, May 9
Kansas City at Columbus
Toronto FC at D.C. United
New England at Chicago
FC Dallas at Houston
Real Salt Lake at Chivas USA
Sunday, May 10
Los Angeles at Seattle FC

Sunday
Dynamo 2, Revolution 0
Houston 1—2
New England 0—0
First half—1, Houston, Holden 1, 22nd minute.
Second half—2, Houston, Ching 3 (Davis), 58th.
Goals—Houston, Pat Onstad; New England, Matt Reis.
A—9,112 (20,000).

WPS
W L T Pts GF GA
Los Angeles 3 1 1 10 6 2
Boston 3 2 0 9 8 8
Chicago 2 0 2 8 6 1
FC Gold Pride 2 2 1 7 7 7
Washington 1 2 2 5 9 12
Saint Louis 0 2 2 3 6 6
Sky Blue FC 2 2 2 1 1 1
Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.
Saturday's games
Boston 2, Los Angeles 1
Sunday's games
Washington 3, Saint Louis 3, tie
FC Gold Pride 1, Sky Blue FC 0
Saturday, May 9
FC Gold Pride at Saint Louis
Sunday, May 10
Boston at Los Angeles
Sky Blue FC at Chicago

Pro football

NFL calendar
June 1 — Deadline for old clubs to send tender to unsigned unrestricted free agents to receive exclusive negotiating rights for rest of season if player is not signed by another club by July 22.
June 15 — Deadline for old clubs to withdraw original qualifying offer to unsigned restricted free agents and still retain exclusive negotiating rights by substituting tender of 110 percent of previous years salary.
July 22 — Signing period ends at 4 p.m. EDT for unrestricted free agents who received June 1 tender.
Aug. 9 — Pro Football Hall of Fame Game, Canton, Ohio.
Aug. 13-17 — First preseason weekend.
Sept. 1 — Roster cutdown to maximum of 75 players.

Golf

Quail Hollow Championship
PGA Tour
Charlotte, N.C.
At Quail Hollow Club
Purse: \$1.17 million
Yardage: 7,442; Par: 72
Final
S. O'Hair, \$1,170,000 69-72-67-69—277 -11
Bubba Watson, \$572,000 71-65-72-70—278 -10
Lucas Glover, \$572,000 68-71-68-71—278 -10
Tiger Woods, \$512,000 65-72-70-72—279 -9
J. Byrd, \$212,875 72-72-70-66—280 -8
P. Mickelson, \$212,875 67-71-75-67—280 -8
Tim Petrowich, \$212,875 71-70-71-68—280 -8
Ted Purdy, \$212,875 70-69-72-69—280 -8
Ian Poulter, \$212,875 71-70-70-69—280 -8
Jason Dufner, \$212,875 67-71-71-71—280 -8
Boo Weekley, \$129,071 71-70-72-68—281 -7
J. Jacobson, \$129,071 71-70-71-71—281 -7
Jim Furyk, \$129,071 71-66-73-71—281 -7
M. Kaymer, \$129,071 71-70-69-71—281 -7
Y.E. Yang, \$129,071 72-71-66-72—281 -7
R. Goosen, \$129,071 68-68-72-73—281 -7
Zach Johnson, \$129,071 72-67-68-76—281 -7
Shaun Micheel, \$87,750 74-69-73-66—282 -6
C. Warren, \$87,750 69-71-71-71—282 -6
David Tom, \$87,750 71-71-67-73—282 -6
G. McNeill, \$87,750 69-68-70-75—282 -6
Hunter Mahan, \$58,593 68-72-75-68—283 -5
M. Bettencourt, \$58,593 72-71-71-69—283 -5
Rocco Mediate, \$58,593 72-70-72-69—283 -5
C. Villegas, \$58,593 71-67-74-71—283 -5
Bill Haas, \$58,593 69-71-71-72—283 -5
Nick Watney, \$58,593 71-71-69-72—283 -5
D. Love III, \$58,593 70-69-70-74—283 -5
C. Beckman, \$44,200 73-71-72-68—284 -4
Bo Van Pelt, \$44,200 69-71-71-73—284 -4
Ross Fisher, \$44,200 72-67-68-76—284 -4
John Senden, \$35,967 71-72-73-69—285 -3
Ben Curtis, \$35,967 74-70-71-70—285 -3
Cliff Kresge, \$35,967 69-72-72-72—285 -3
Geoff Ogilvy, \$35,967 71-73-68-73—285 -3
Jeff Ogilvie, \$35,967 72-71-69-73—285 -3
Jeff Klauk, \$35,967 69-71-70-75—285 -3
T. Pernice, Jr., \$27,300 72-69-71-68—286 -2
Ken Duke, \$27,300 70-72-73-71—286 -2
Brian Davis, \$27,300 72-71-72-71—286 -2
Michael Allen, \$27,300 70-73-72-71—286 -2
Steve Marino, \$27,300 67-72-74-73—286 -2
Danny Lee, \$27,300 71-69-70-76—286 -2
Mathew Goggin, \$21,450 71-71-74-71—287 -1
John Huston, \$21,450 73-71-69-74—287 -1
B. de Jonge, \$21,450 72-69-67-79—287 -1
R. Allenby, \$16,922 67-74-77-70—288 E
K. Sutherland, \$16,922 71-72-75-70—288 E
Anthony Kim, \$16,922 70-69-78-71—288 E
W. Mackenzie, \$16,922 70-74-71-73—288 E
Martin Laird, \$16,922 74-70-74-74—288 E
Brendon Todd, \$16,922 70-70-72-76—288 E
Chris Stroud, \$14,907 73-69-78-69—289 +1
S. Wheatcroft, \$14,907 70-72-77-69—289 +1
R. Karlsson, \$14,907 70-69-78-72—289 +1
Jonathan Kaye, \$14,907 70-72-74-73—289 +1
Jeff Overton, \$14,907 70-71-73-75—289 +1
Aron Price, \$13,910 73-73-73-73—290 +2
P. Tomasulo, \$14,300 74-69-73-74—290 +2
Jeff Maggert, \$14,300 68-70-75-77—290 +2
John Rollins, \$13,910 70-74-76-71—291 +3
Chad Campbell, \$13,910 72-73-73-76—291 +3
David Mathis, \$13,910 70-72-76—291 +3
Aron Price, \$13,910 73-73-73-73—293 +5
Pat Perez, \$13,520 74-70-76-73—293 +5
T. Immelman, \$13,520 73-70-76-74—293 +5
Brad Faxon, \$13,195 74-69-80-71—294 +6
P. McLaughlin, \$13,195 73-71-74-76—294 +6
Steve Flesch, \$12,870 69-74-78-74—295 +7
Bill Lunde, \$12,870 72-72-74-77—295 +7
M. Calavechia, \$12,870 69-74-74-78—295 +7
Gary Woodland, \$12,610 70-74-76-76—296 +8
Rich Beem, \$12,480 71-73-76-82—302 +14

PGA Tour FedEx Cup leaders

Rank Name Points YTD Money
1. Geoff Ogilvy 1,387 \$3,076,204
2. Phil Mickelson 1,363 \$3,217,165
3. Sean O'Hair 1,336 \$2,963,842
4. Nick Watney 1,236 \$2,497,253
5. Kenny Perry 1,228 \$2,625,934
6. Zach Johnson 988 \$1,979,151
7. Paul Casey 968 \$2,152,700
8. Brian Gay 927 \$1,690,375
9. Steve Stricker 911 \$1,880,911
10. Tiger Woods 855 \$1,872,313
11. Retief Goosen 852 \$1,676,667
12. Dustin Johnson 789 \$1,637,766
13. Pat Perez 788 \$1,408,913
14. Charles Howell III 772 \$1,392,779
15. Angel Cabrera 716 \$1,543,445
16. Lucas Glover 703 \$1,254,513
17. Charley Hoffman 696 \$1,254,000
18. Y.E. Yang 689 \$1,347,698
19. J. Hahn 689 \$1,425,130
20. Pat Perez 689 \$1,425,130
21. John Rollins 664 \$1,372,413
22. David Tom 664 \$1,252,655
23. Luke Donald 651 \$1,206,576
24. John Merrick 586 \$1,064,838
25. Rory Sabbatini 581 \$1,218,973
26. Kevin Na 581 \$1,144,869

College baseball

Sunday's scores
EAST
Catholic 11, Merchant Marine 3
Fairfield 12, Iona 0, 5 innings, rain
Oenonta 2, Hamilton 3, 10 innings
Rhode Island 7, Fordham 6, 12 innings
Towson 17, Hofstra 1, 7 innings, rain
SOUTH
Augusta St. 9, Georgia College 8
Belmont 8, Lipscomb 7
East Carolina 9, Louisiana-Lafayette 4
Furman 12, Georgia Southern 7
Indianapolis 4-4, Bellarmine 2-3
Kentucky 17, Tennessee 11
Lamar 13, McNeese St. 5
Missouri S&T 4-3, N. Kentucky 2-13
N.C. State 15-15, N.C. Central 2-5
Tenn.-Martin 6, Austin Peay 1
Tennessee Tech 1, Murray St. 1, tie, rain, 5 innings
Thomas More 4, Westminster, Mo. 3
W. Carolina 9, UNC-Greensboro 4
W. Kentucky 12, Ark.-Little Rock 2
MIDWEST
Augustana, S.D. 10-16, Northern St., S.D. 2-2
Centenary 11, N. Dakota St. 2
Creighton 10, Illinois St. 6
Dickinson St. 10-2, Jamestown 8-9
Indiana St. 5, Wichita St. 3
Mary 1-7, SW Minn. St. 0-9
Minnesota 12, Iowa 3
Missouri 12, Nebraska 9
St. Thomas, Minn. 4, St. Scholastica 3
South Dakota St. 8, Oakland, Mich. 5
Wayne, Neb. 16-19, Minn.-Crookston 0-7
Wis.-La Crosse 5-16, Wis.-Stout 3-7
Wis.-Platteville 4-2, Wis.-Stevens Pt. 2-3
Wis.-Oshkosh 8-6, Wis.-Superior 0-2
SOUTHWEST
Cameron 10, E. New Mexico 6
Kansas St. 3, Oklahoma St. 2
Lamar 13, McNeese St. 5
Oklahoma 10, Kansas 9, 10 innings
Prairie View 11, Texas Southern 10
Rice 6, Houston 5
Texas 3, Baylor 1
Texas-Arlington 14, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 4
FAR WEST
UNLV 13, New Mexico 11, 10 innings
TOURNAMENT
Mid South Conference Tournament
Campbellsville 7, Georgetown, Ky. 5

Auto racing

Full Throttle-O'Reilly Midwest Nationals
NHRA
Sunday
At Gateway International Raceway
Madison, Ill.
Final Order
Top Fuel
1. Antron Brown. 2. Brandon Bernstein. 3. Shawn Langdon. 4. Spencer Massey. 5. Cory McClenathan. 6. Tony Schumacher. 7. Joe Hartley. 8. Morgan Lucas. 9. Clay Millican. 10. T.J. Zizzo. 11. John Smith. 12. Kevin Jones. 13. Doug Kalitta. 14. Larry Dixon. 15. Todd Simpson. 16. Chris Karamesines.
Funny Car
1. Del Worsham, Toyota Solara. 2. Ron Capps. 3. Cruz Pedregon. 4. Tony Pedregon. 5. Tim Wilkerson. 6. Bob Tasca III. 7. John Force. 8. Matt Hagan. 9. Jim Head. 10. Jeff Arend. 11. Mike Neff. 12. Ashley Force Hood. 13. Jack Beckman. 14. Robert Hight. 15. Terry Haddock. 16. Jerry Toliver.
Pro Stock
1. Jeg Coughlin, Chevy Cobalt. 2. Jason Line. 3. Greg Anderson. 4. Justin Humphreys. 5. Kurt Johnson. 6. Greg Stanfield. 7. Rickie Jones. 8. Ron Krisher. 9. Mike Edwards. 10. Allen Johnson. 11. Rodger Brogdon. 12. Tom Hammonds. 13. Larry Morgan. 14. Dave Northrop. 15. Steve Spiess. 16. Johnny Gray.
Finals
Top Fuel
Antron Brown, 3.850 seconds, 318.02 mph def. Brandon Bernstein, 3.888 seconds, 310.27 mph.
Funny Car
Del Worsham, Toyota Solara, 4.135, 302.48 def. Ron Capps, Dodge Charger, 4.121, 301.33.
Pro Stock
Jeg Coughlin, Chevy Cobalt, 6.588, 208.39 def. Jason Line, Pontiac GXP, foul.
Standings
(After 7 of 24 events)
Top Fuel
1. Antron Brown, 561. 2. Tony Schumacher, 543. 3. Brandon Bernstein, 517. 4. Cory McClenathan, 453. 5. Morgan Lucas, 437. 6. Larry Dixon, 407. 7. Shawn Langdon, 375. 8. Spencer Massey, 363. 9. Doug Kalitta, 320. 10. Joe Hartley, 302.
Funny Car
1. Ron Capps, 562. 2. Del Worsham, 443. 3. Tony Pedregon, 437. 4. Jack Beckman, 427. 4. Ashley Force Hood, 427. 6. Matt Hagan, 413. 7. Bob Tasca III, 375. 8. John Force, 363. 9. Tim Wilkerson, 349. 10. Robert Hight, 337. 10. Mike Neff, 337.
Pro Stock
1. Jeg Coughlin, 637. 2. Jason Line, 588. 3. Mike Edwards, 498. 4. Greg Anderson, 478. 5. Greg Stanfield, 394. 6. Allen Johnson, 381. 7. Ron Krisher, 345. 8. Kurt Johnson, 338. 9. Rickie Jones, 304. 10. Larry Morgan, 263.

Mine That Bird to run in Preakness Stakes

Derby winner to try for second jewel

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Mine That Bird is headed to the Preakness.

The trainer of the gelding who won the Kentucky Derby at 50-1 odds said his horse will run in the May 16 Preakness at Pimlico, the second leg of the Triple Crown.

"I've never been to Baltimore, but it looks like I won't be able to say that in a few days," trainer Bennie Woolley Jr. said Monday.

Woolley said the horse will remain at Churchill Downs in Louisville at least until May 12 before shipping to Baltimore. He jogged a mile on Monday and will have light jogs each of the next two days.

Woolley said there are no plans for the horse to have a full workout before the race.

Mine That Bird, ridden by Calvin Borel, won the Derby by 6½ lengths over Pioneerof the Nile — the largest margin of victory since Assault in 1946.

On Sunday, a day after the big upset, Woolley said there's "no obligation" to go

to the Preakness and added: "You've got to do what's best for the horse and the horse has got to come first."

And the horse has given every indication he came out of the race in good order.

"The Triple Crown is good for racing, and without the Derby winner, there is no chance to have one," he said.

The last Derby winner to skip the Preakness was Grindstone, who was injured, in 1996. The last healthy Derby winner to miss it was Spend A Buck in 1985.

Other Derby horses expected to take on Mine That Bird are fourth-place finisher Papa Clem and possibly Pioneerof the Nile, third-place Musket Man, Join in the Dance (seventh) and General Quarters (10th).

Potential newcomers include Delta Jackpot winner Big Drama, Withers winner Mr. Fantasy, Take the Points and Miner's Escape.

The Preakness is limited to 14 starters.

The big question, of course, is whether Mine That Bird can win the Preakness and set up a Triple Crown attempt in the Belmont Stakes on June 6. The last Triple



GARRY JONES/AP

Kentucky Derby winner Mine That Bird is held outside his stable by exercise rider Charlie Figueroa at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., on Sunday.

Crown winner was Affirmed in 1978.

Borel said he'll be more than happy to take a shot.

"He's plenty of horse," he said.

Pioneerof the Nile's trainer, Bob Baffert, had some advice for Woolley and owners Mark Allen and Leonard Blach on Sunday: If Mine That Bird is OK, go for it.

"This is a dream of a lifetime," Baffert said. "I hope he comes out of it well and they go and maybe he's for real. We're going to find out."

Last year, Big Brown won the Derby and the Preakness, but finished last in the Belmont after being pulled up on the turn for home.

Kyle Busch sets goal of 200 NASCAR victories

By JENNA FRYER

The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Kyle Busch raised a few eyebrows when he casually mentioned he'd like to collect 200 victories in his NASCAR career.

That's a mighty big number, associated only with Richard Petty's unreachable record of 200 Cup Series victories. It was once thought Jeff Gordon might challenge the mark, but he fell off the pace long ago and currently has 82.

But if Busch is flexible with the goal he revealed before this season, he's got a shot at reaching Petty's mark.

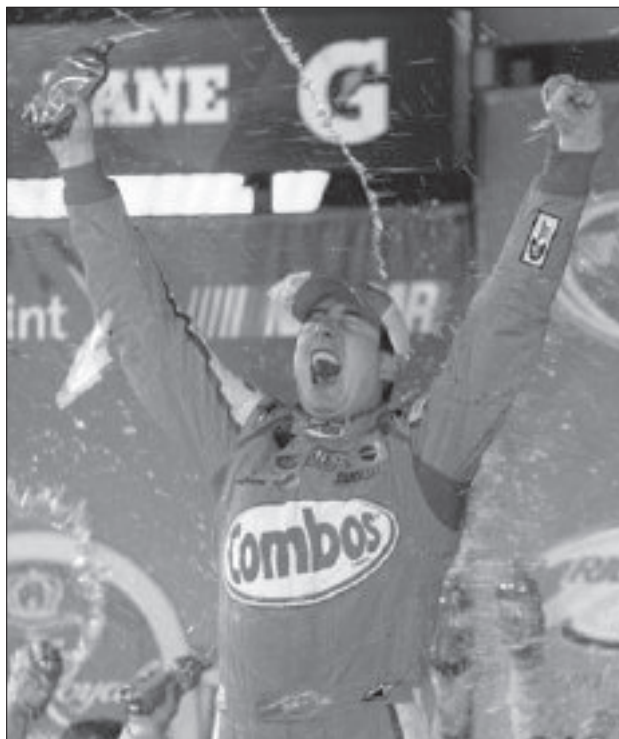
With an asterisk, that is.

Busch's victory Saturday night at Richmond International Raceway was the 50th of his career spanning NASCAR's top three series. It came on his 24th birthday, and Busch believes he could reach 200 NASCAR victories if he maintains his desire to race in every event possible.

"But I know the older I get I'll start slowing down some way," he said. "Hopefully I can achieve that goal. It would be sure nice to get that. I know it's not 200 Cup victories like Richard Petty has, but it will still be a phenomenal mark for me."

It's a mark few thought he could ever reach just two years ago. His talent level has never been questioned, but there's a reason Busch has often been called "Wild Thing."

He was ready for NASCAR when he was just 16, but an age minimum sent him back to the sidelines for a two-year wait.



STEVE HELBER/AP

Kyle Busch celebrates winning the Crown Royal 400 Sprint Cup Series race on his 24th birthday at Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, Va., Saturday night. It was his 50th NASCAR victory.

Once admitted to the big leagues, he came full of unbridled desire, fearlessness and a lack of maturity.

Busch pushed his cars beyond the limit, taking risks that often ended in a wad of crumpled sheet metal. He pouted when he didn't

win and threw temper tantrums when things went against him. Team owner Rick Hendrick tried to tame the wild child, but finally cut him loose at the end of the 2007 season to make room for Dale Earnhardt Jr.

So Joe Gibbs Racing snapped

him up, and Busch has steamrolled his way through NASCAR since. He won 21 races last season spanning the Sprint Cup, Nationwide and Truck Series.

His pace has slowed a bit this season — partly because of a monthlong slump he brought into Richmond — but he's only struggling by his own lofty standards. He now has eight victories on the year: A series-leading three in both Cup and Nationwide, and a series-leading two in the trucks.

"He's pretty good," said Jeff Burton, who finished third Saturday night. "You are what your record says you are. I just saw that stat most wins before the age of 25 and that's pretty impressive. Everything he sits in, he goes fast in. That's a sign of a really good race car driver."

Busch is also one of NASCAR's best at capitalizing on momentum, which he now takes into Darlington Raceway as the defending race winner. He tends to knock down victories in bunches, each one nudging him closer to a feeling of invincibility. When he gets on a roll, the competition knows Busch is tough to beat.

"When you've got that confidence going, it carries a long way," said Tony Stewart, who spent one year as Busch's teammate with Gibbs. "I know what he's been driving ... [but] we all drive for good race teams and we all have good equipment. There's just guys that got that momentum on their side and got that confidence, that little extra that you need to be on top right now."

Busch is not immune to setbacks, and spent the last month trying to recapture his mojo. A

week after winning at Bristol, he wasn't competitive in Martinsville and finished 24th. Driver error put him two laps down in Texas, where he finished 18th. He was flagged for speeding off pit road on the final stop at Phoenix, dropping him from contention to 17th, and appeared to have the car to beat last week at Talladega until a late accident left him 25th.

A month without winning is enough to drive Busch mad.

"Four or five weeks does feel like an eternity, and that was bad," he said. "We didn't like it at all. At least just not finishing well."

But crew chief Steve Addington says the team learned a lesson last season, when it collected all its victories early and then faltered when the Chase for the championship began. Busch led the point standings most of the year and started the Chase at the top, only to finish 10th after two bad races broke his spirit.

With a NASCAR ban on testing this season, Addington needs to try new things to prepare for the 10-race push to the title. They'll forgo meaningless early season victories if it means being stronger when it counts.

"We're trying to be better and trying different things to get better as the season goes on," Addington said. "I think that we're headed in a good direction. We got to give up something. Last year's deal, it was just unacceptable. We've got to get better all year long and that's what we're working on."

MLB scoreboard

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	18	9	.667	—
Boston	15	10	.600	2
New York	13	11	.542	3½
Tampa Bay	11	15	.423	6½
Baltimore	9	16	.360	8
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	14	11	.560	—
Detroit	13	11	.542	½
Chicago	12	12	.500	1½
Minnesota	12	13	.480	2
Cleveland	9	16	.360	5
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	15	10	.600	—
Texas	12	12	.500	2½
Los Angeles	10	13	.435	4
Oakland	9	13	.409	4½

Sunday's games

Detroit 3, Cleveland 1
L.A. Angels at New York, ppd., rain
Toronto 4, Baltimore 3
Tampa Bay 5, Boston 3
Kansas City 7, Minnesota 5
Seattle 8, Oakland 7, 15 innings
Texas 5, Chicago White Sox 1

Monday's games

Minnesota at Detroit
Boston at N.Y. Yankees
Cleveland at Toronto
Baltimore at Tampa Bay
Chicago White Sox at Kansas City
L.A. Angels at Oakland
Texas at Seattle

Tuesday's games

Cleveland (A.Reyes 1-0) at Toronto (Cecil 0-0)
Baltimore (Uehara 2-2) at Tampa Bay (Garza 2-2)
Texas (Padilla 1-2) at Seattle (Bedard 2-1)
Minnesota (Blackburn 2-1) at Detroit (Porcello 1-3)
Boston (Beckett 2-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Chamberlain 1-0)
Chicago White Sox (Floyd 2-2) at Kansas City (Davies 2-1)
L.A. Angels (Loux 1-2) at Oakland (Braden 3-2)

Wednesday's games

Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees
Minnesota at Baltimore
Cleveland at Boston
Seattle at Kansas City
Detroit at Chicago White Sox
Texas at Oakland
Toronto at L.A. Angels

Sunday

Tigers 3, Indians 1

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi	Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
Sizemr cf	4	0	0	0	Grndrs cf	5	1	2	1
ACarer ss	4	0	1	1	Polancz 2b	4	0	1	0
VMrtnz 1b	4	0	1	0	Ordonez rf	4	0	2	1
Choo lf	2	0	0	0	McCarr 1b	4	0	3	0
DeKosa 3b	4	0	1	0	CGuill lf	4	0	0	0
Delluch dh	3	0	0	0	JAndrs lf	0	0	0	0
Shppch c	3	1	0	0	Inge 3b	3	1	1	1
LaPort rf	4	0	0	0	Rabun dh	4	0	0	0
Valuen 2b	2	0	0	0	Everett ss	4	0	2	0
Totals	30	1	3	1	Totals	36	3	12	3

Cleveland 001 000 000—1
Indians 010 000 20x—3
LOB—Cleveland 7, Detroit 10, 2B—DeRosa (5), Granderson (2), Sardinha (1). HR—Inge (8), SB—Everett (1).

IP H R ER BB SO
Cleveland
Cl.Lee L1-4 7 12 3 3 1 4
Kobayashi 1 0 0 0 0 2

Detroit
Verlander W2-2 7 2 1 1 3 11
Seay H.8 ½ 1 0 0 1 0
Zumaya H.1 ½ 0 0 0 0 0
Rodney S.6-6 1 0 0 0 0 1

HBP—by Verlander (Shoppach). T—2:37. A—27,411 (41,255).

Mariners 8, Athletics 7 (15)

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
RSWny cf-rf	7	1	3	1	ISuzuki rf	7	0	2	2
ACarer ss	8	1	2	1	JoLopez 2b	8	1	3	1
Giambi 1b	2	0	0	0	MSWny dh	7	1	1	2
Hannhn 3b	3	0	0	0	Beltre 3b	7	1	2	0
Holliday lf	7	0	1	1	Branny 1b	7	0	1	0
Cust rf	4	1	2	2	Balentin lf	5	2	3	0
RDavis cf	2	1	0	0	JoJhim c	5	1	1	1
KSuzuk dh	6	0	2	0	EnChvrz pr	0	0	0	0
Crosby 3b-lb	1	0	0	0	RJhnsn c	1	0	0	0
G.Petit 2b	7	1	2	0	FGtrcz cf	4	1	2	1
Powell c	7	1	3	2	YBtncr ss	7	0	1	1
Totals	58	7	14	7	Totals	58	8	16	8

Oakland 300 010 000 000—3
Seattle 000 200 101 000 301—8

No outs when winning run scored. E—Eveland (1), Beltre (5), JoLopez (2), JoJhim (1). DP—Oakland 1, LOB—Oakland 14, Seattle 15, 2B—K.Suzuki (8), G.Petit (2), Powell 2 (3), Branny (5), Balentin (2), HR—Cust (3), M.Sweeney (1), JoJhim (1). SB—R.Davis (3). CS—K.Suzuki (1). S—Crosby. SF—R.Sweeney.

IP H R ER BB SO
Oakland
Outman 6 4 2 2 1 5
Cameron H.1 2 2 1 1 1 1
Springer BS.1-1 1 3 1 1 0 1
G.Gonzalez 5 5 3 3 4 1
Eveland L1-2 0 2 1 0 1 0

Seattle
Jakubauskas 4½ 6 4 4 0 1
White 1½ 1 0 0 1 0
Stark ½ 1 0 0 1 1
M.Lowe 1½ 0 0 0 0 1
Kelley 1 1 0 0 0 1
Aardsma 1 0 0 0 0 1
Batista 2½ 3 3 2 2 3
Vargas W1-0 2½ 2 0 0 1 4

Eveland pitched to 4 batters in the 15th. HBP—by Batista (Crosby). T—5:02. A—29,963 (47,878).

Royals 7, Twins 5

Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi	Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi
Crisp cf	4	0	0	1	Span cf	4	2	1	0
Blmst ss	5	2	2	0	BHarrs 2b	4	0	0	0
Teahen 3b	3	1	1	0	Mauer ph	1	0	1	1
JGuill dh	3	1	2	4	ACasill pr	0	0	0	0
Jaobs 1b	4	1	1	0	Mornea 1b	5	1	3	0
Butler 1b	0	0	0	0	Kubel dh	4	1	1	0
DeJesse lf	4	1	1	0	Cuddy rf	3	1	2	2
Callasp 2b	3	1	1	2	Busch 3b	4	0	0	0
J.Buck c	4	0	1	0	DimYn lf	4	0	1	1
Maier rf	4	0	1	0	JMorls c	4	0	1	0
Totals	34	7	10	7	Totals	37	5	10	4

Kansas City 000 000 511—7
Minnesota 100 102 001—5

E—Bloomquist (1), J.Buck (3), Soria (1). DP—Kansas City 1, LOB—Kansas City 4, Minnesota 7, 2B—J.Guillén (2), Callasp (12), Morneau 2 (8), Kubel (7), Cuddy (5), 3B—Bloomquist (2), HR—J.Guillén (3). SB—Span (7), Cuddy (3). SF—Crisp.

IP H R ER BB SO
Kansas City
Meche W2-2 6 7 4 4 2 3
Ho.Ramirez H.1 1 2 0 0 0 2
J.Wright H.3 1 0 0 0 0 2
Soria S.6-6 1 1 1 0 0 0

Minnesota
S.Baker L0-4 6 5 5 5 1 4
Ayala BS.3-3 1 1 0 0 0 0
Dickey 2 4 2 2 2 1
S.Baker pitched to 5 batters in the 7th.

WP—Meche. T—3:04. A—31,845 (46,632).

Blue Jays 4, Orioles 3

Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
BRorts 2b	4	0	0	0	Scutaro ss	3	0	0	0
AdJons cf	4	0	0	0	A.Hill 2b	4	0	0	0
Markks rf	4	0	1	0	Rios rf	4	2	2	1
Huff 1b	3	0	1	0	V.Wells cf	4	1	2	1
Mora 3b	4	1	1	0	Lind dh	3	0	0	0
Scott dh	4	1	2	0	Rolen 3b	3	0	0	0
Moeller c	3	0	0	0	Overay 1b	3	1	1	0
Wggnnt ph	1	0	0	0	Barajs c	3	0	2	1
Pie lf	3	0	1	0	Snider lf	3	0	0	0
Clzturs ss	2	1	0	0					
Totals	32	3	5	2	Totals	30	4	6	4

Baltimore 200 110 00x—4
Toronto 200 110 00x—4

E—Rolen (3), Barajas (2), DP—Toronto 1, LOB—Baltimore 4, Toronto 3, 2B—Pie (1), Rios (8), Overbay (6), Barajas (9). HR—Scott (4), Rios (2), V.Wells (4). SB—Scutaro (2). CS—Mora (1).

IP H R ER BB SO
Baltimore
Guthrie L2-2 8 6 4 4 1 3

Toronto
Richmond W4-0 7 5 3 2 2 6
Carlson H.5 1 0 0 0 0 1
Downs S.3-3 1 0 0 0 0 0
T—2:15. A—20,418 (49,539).

Rays 5, Red Sox 3

Boston	ab	r	h	bi	Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi
Ellsury cf	5	0	2	0	Bupton cf	5	0	0	0
Pedroia 2b	4	2	1	0	CRwrd lf	4	2	4	1
D.Ortiz dh	3	0	0	0	Longori 3b	4	0	1	0
J.Yorkis 1b	4	1	2	2	C.Pena 1b	3	0	1	1
Drew lf	4	0	3	1	Burrell dh	3	0	1	0
Bay lf	3	0	0	0	Zobrist rf	3	0	1	0
Varietk 3b	4	0	0	0	Wamr 2b	4	1	1	0
Varitek c	0	0	0	0	Barst ss	3	0	1	1
Lugo ss	4	0	0	0	M.Hrmd c	3	0	1	0
Totals	34	3	8	3	Totals	33	5	10	5

Boston 100 000 020—3
Tampa Bay 100 200 11x—5

E—Varitek (1), LOB—Boston 7, Tampa Bay 10, 2B—J.Drew (8), C.Pena (4), Iwamura (10), Bartlett (4), HR—Youki-lis (6), SB—Pedroia (4), Crawford 6 (17), Bartlett (6), M.Hernandez (1). CS—Ellsbury (3). S—M.Hernandez.

IP H R ER BB SO
Boston
Penny L2-1 6 6 3 3 2 8
Delcarmen ½ 2 1 1 0 0
H.Jones 1 1 1 1 0 1
R.Ramirez ½ 1 0 0 0 1

Tampa Bay
J.Shields W3-2 7½ 6 2 2 2 6
Howell H.1 ½ 2 1 1 0 0
Wheeler H.3 ½ 0 0 0 0 1
Peralta S.3-3 1 0 0 0 0 0

HBP—by Penny (Longoria), by Delcarmen (C.Pena, Burrell). T—3:15. A—32,332 (36,973).

Rangers 5, White Sox 1

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Nix 2b	3	0	1	1	Kinsler 2b	4	2	2	2
Fields 3b	3	0	0	0	Andrus ss	3	1	2	0
Quentin lf	4	0	0	0	MYong 3b	4	0	2	1
Konerk dh	4	0	1	0	ANjons lf	3	0	1	1
Betemit 1b	4	0	2	0	Blalock dh	4	0	0	0
CMiller c	4	0	0	0	Byrd cf	4	1	2	0
Pdsdnk rf	4	0	0	0	N.Cruz rf	4	1	3	0
Almrrz ss	4	1	2	0	C.Davis 1b	3	0	0	0
Lillidg cf	4	0	2	0	Tegrid c	4	0	1	0
Totals	34	1	9	1	Totals	33	5	13	4

Chicago 000 000 100—1
Texas 101 111 00x—5

E—Betemit (1), Lillibridge (2), DP—Chicago 3, Texas 1, LOB—Chicago 8, Texas 8, 2B—Konerko (7), Betemit (5), Al.Ramirez (3), Andrus (2), Byrd (8), N.Cruz (4), HR—Kinsler (9), SB—Andrus (3), N.Cruz (3). S—Andrus. SF—N.Kinsler.

IP H R ER BB SO
Chicago
Danks L2-2 5½ 10 5 5 1 3
Dotel ½ 0 0 0 0 0
Carrasco 2 3 0 0 1 1

Texas
Harrison W2-2 5 6 0 0 0 3
Jennings 2 2 1 1 0 1
O'Day 1 1 0 0 0 2
C.Wilson 1 0 0 0 0 0

HBP—by Harrison (Fields). T—2:53. A—20,132 (49,170).

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	14	11	.560	—
Philadelphia	12	10	.545	½
Atlanta	11	13	.458	2½
New York	10	13	.435	3
Washington	6	17	.261	7
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	17	8	.680	—
Chicago	13	11	.542	3½
Cincinnati	13	11	.542	3½
Milwaukee	13	12	.520	4
Pittsburgh	12	12	.500	4½
Houston	11	14	.440	6
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	18	8	.692	—
San Francisco	12	11	.522	4½
Arizona	11	14	.440	6½
San Diego	11	14	.440	6½
Colorado	9	14	.391	7½

Houston 7, Atlanta 5
Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 0
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, ppd., rain
St. Louis at Washington, ppd., rain
Milwaukee 4, Arizona 3
Chicago Cubs 6, Florida 4
L.A. Dodgers 1, Colorado 0, 10 innings
S.A. Dodgers 7, San Diego 3

Sunday's games
Houston at Washington
Milwaukee at Pittsburgh
N.Y. Mets at Atlanta
Cincinnati at Florida
Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs
Philadelphia at St. Louis
Colorado at San Diego
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers

Tuesday's games
Houston (Oswalt 0-2) at Washington (Olson 1-3)
San Francisco (Lincecum 2-1) at Chicago Cubs (Marshall 0-1)
Milwaukee (Suppan 1-2) at Pittsburgh (Snell 1-3)
Cincinnati (Volquez 3-2) at Florida (Volstad 2-0)
N.Y. Mets (L.Hernandez 1-1) at Atlanta (Kawakami 1-3)
Philadelphia (Myers 1-2) at St. Louis (Wright 3-0)
Colorado (Cook 1-1) at San Diego (Geer 0-0)
Arizona (Scherzer 0-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Jef.Weaver 0-0)

Wednesday's games
Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets
Atlanta at Florida
Milwaukee at Cincinnati
Chicago Cubs at Houston
Pittsburgh at St. Louis
San Francisco at Colorado
Arizona at San Diego
Washington at L.A. Dodgers

Sunday
Reds 5, Pirates 0
Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 0
Pittsburgh 0, Cincinnati 1
LOB—Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 3, 2B—R.Hernandez (4), HR—Bruce (6), CS—Tavers (1), Morgan (3).

IP H R ER BB SO
Cincinnati
Cueeto W2-1 8 4 0 0 1 9
Rhodes 1 0 0 0 0 0
Pittsburgh
Karstens L1-1 5 6 5 4 4 1
Meek 3 1 0 0 0 2
J.Chavez 1 0 0 0 0 1
T—2:38. A—13,670 (38,362).

Brewers 4, Diamondbacks 3
Arizona 4, Milwaukee 3
Florepez 2b 4 0 1 0
Ojeda ss 4 0 1 0
Tracy 1b 4 0 0 0
Rylands 3b 4 1 1 1
J.Gupton rf 4 1 1 1
AdGnzl lf 4 0 1 0
CYoung cf 3 0 0 0
Monter c 3 1 1 1
Y.Petit p 1 0 0 0
Byrnes ph 1 0 0 0
T.Gordn p 0 0 0 0
Rauch p 0 0 0 0
RRorts ph 1 0 0 0
J.Guttrz p 0 0 0 0
T.Pena p 0 0 0 0
Totals 33 3 5 3
Totals 000 000 300—3
Milwaukee 020 010 01x—4
E—Hardy (3), LOB—Arizona 3, Milwaukee 6, 2B—Hall (7), 3B—Weeks (1), HR—Pekris (6), J.Upton (4), Montero (2), Fielder (4), Cameron (6), SB—Byrnes (4).

IP H R ER BB SO
Arizona
Y.Petit 5 4 3 3 1 4
T.Gordon ½ 1 0 0 1 0
Rauch ½ 0 0 0 0 1
J.Gutierrez L1-2 1½ 2 1 1 1
T.Pena ½ 1 0 0 0 0

Milwaukee
Bush 7 5 3 3 0 7
Stetter W1-0 1 0 0 0 0
Hoffman S.3-3 1 0 0 0 0
T—2:37. A—44,727 (41,900).

Dodgers 7, Padres 3
San Diego 5, Los Angeles 3
Giles rf 5 1 1 1
Eckstn 2b 3 0 1 0
Gerut cf 4 1 1 1
AdGnzl lf 4 0 1 0
Headly lf 3 1 1 0
EGnziz 3b 3 0 1 1
Hundly c 4 0 0 0
L.Rdrz ss 4 0 0 0
Gaudin p



LORI SHEPLER/AP

Los Angeles Dodgers manager Joe Torre congratulates Orlando Hudson for scoring a run in the first inning Sunday against San Diego.

NL roundup

Dodgers' 10-for-10 at home a record

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Dodgers are a perfect 10 — at home, anyway.

Sunday's 7-3 victory over San Diego broke a 63-year-old franchise record for consecutive home victories from the beginning of a season. The 1946 Brooklyn Dodgers started out 9-0 at Ebbets Field under Leo Durocher, back when current manager Joe Torre was 5 years old and growing up on Avenue T in the Marine Park section of the borough.

"It always feels good to be a part of history," second baseman Orlando Hudson said. "Right now, things are going good at home. But this is an up-and-down game, and we know things can change in a matter of moments. So you have to ride the wave."

Fortunately, the fans at Chavez Ravine have been too busy giving standing ovations and eliciting curtain calls from the players to think about doing the wave. The Dodgers have scored at least seven runs in six of their home games. The other four have been decided by one run, including 1-0 and 2-1 walkoff victories on Friday and Saturday nights.

The Dodgers' season-opening streak at home is the longest by an NL team since 1983, when Torre's Atlanta Braves won their first 10 games at Fulton County Stadium to tie the modern NL record shared by the 1918 New York Giants and 1970 Chicago Cubs. The major league record is 12 by the 1911 Detroit Tigers.

The Arizona Diamondbacks (11-14) invade Los Angeles for a two-game series beginning Monday night, followed by another two-game set with the Washington Nationals (6-17). All they have to do is beat Doug Davis, Max Scherzer and Jordan Zimmermann to have the record all to themselves.

"We're supposed to win at home. This is our field," right-hander Chad Billingsley said after improving to 5-0 in six starts. "When you're sitting on the bench, you can see the inten-

sity of the crowd. That makes a huge difference for us."

Hudson, who set the tone in the home opener by hitting for the cycle, drove in three runs Sunday with two doubles. He's batting .336 with three homers and 15 RBIs. The three-time Gold Glove second baseman has committed only one error, and is the only player on the team to start every game in the field.

"Hudson's been huge for us, when you consider how late we signed him in the spring (Feb. 22). And to have that kind of an addition that late was really a big lift for everybody," Torre said.

"At that time we didn't know if he was going to be healthy enough to start the season. But he worked hard in spring training, and he hasn't looked back. I talked to him today about an off-day and he kept shaking his head."

Torre's defending NL West champions lead the majors with an 18-8 record, their best overall record since 1984. They are only 8-8 on the road, but won't have to deal with that part of the equation again for another seven games.

Billingsley allowed two runs and four hits in seven innings and struck out eight. He escaped a bases-loaded jam in the sixth by striking out Nick Hundley on three pitches, and hit an RBI single during the Dodgers' four-run sixth.

Brian Giles and Jody Gerut homered for the Padres, who have dropped 11 of 13 overall after opening 9-3. Chad Gaudin (0-1) was charged with six runs and eight hits in 5 2/3 innings.

Giants 1, Rockies 0 (10): At San Francisco, Rich Aurilia hit an RBI single in the 10th inning to beat Colorado. Backup catcher Steve Holm drew a leadoff walk from Manny Corpas (0-2), moved up on a sacrifice by Randy Winn and easily scored on Aurilia's third game-ending hit of his 14-year career.

Barry Zito gave up two hits in seven innings for the Giants and set down 15 straight batters. Jason Hammel pitched six innings for the Rockies.

AL roundup

M's need 15 to beat A's

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Jose Lopez ended a long afternoon with a short fly ball.

Lopez blooped an RBI single in the 15th inning and the Seattle Mariners, after pulling off a pair of late rallies, beat the Oakland Athletics 8-7 Sunday in the longest game in the majors this season.

"That's a game we could have easily folded up and went home, but we didn't," Seattle manager Don Wakamatsu said. "I said all along I wanted to use everyone, but not to that extent."

Kenji Johjima hit a tying home run in the ninth and Ichiro Suzuki's two-out single in the 13th capped a three-run comeback for the Mariners. A throwing error by Dana Eveland (1-2) set up the winning run.

The game lasted 5 hours, 2 minutes. It was the longest by innings and time in 2009. The Mariners used eight pitchers and the A's five. They threw 526 pitches.

"Even when we were down three, we kept fighting," Seattle's Mike Sweeney said. "There was a stirring in the dugout, like, 'Hey boys, this is our game to win. We haven't played this long today to let this one slip away. Keep fighting, keep having good at-bats.' And we did exactly that."

Franklin Gutierrez opened the 15th with a soft single off Eveland, who started Friday night and pitched 4 2/3 innings. Yuniesky Betancourt followed with a sacrifice bunt that Eveland threw

wildly into center field, putting runners at second and third.

Suzuki was intentionally walked to set up Lopez with the bases loaded. He lifted a shallow fly, but center fielder Rajai Davis broke back on the ball and couldn't recover in time.

"There is not too much pressure in that — bases loaded, nobody out," Lopez said.

Lopez had a chance to win it in the 13th after Suzuki's tying single, but he fouled out with runners at the corners.

Jason Vargas (1-0), called up Saturday from Triple-A Tacoma, won it in his first big league appearance since July 3, 2007 with the New York Mets.

Johjima's solo homer with one out in the ninth made it 4-all. He connected off Russ Springer, who was seeking his first save since 2001 while with Arizona.

Springer was forced into the closer's role because Brad Ziegler has had the flu. Springer also gave up the game-winning hit to Lopez in the Mariners' 8-7 victory Friday night.

The A's scored three times in the 13th off Miguel Batista, the seventh of eight Seattle pitchers. Landon Powell, who had three hits, put Oakland ahead with a two-run double and scored on a single by Orlando Cabrera.

The Mariners made it 7-all in the bottom half against Gio Gonzalez, recalled from Triple-A Sacramento on Saturday. Gutierrez drew a bases-loaded walk, Betancourt had an RBI groundout and Suzuki slapped a single up the

middle. "It shows the character of this club, down three runs and you can come back and have some just phenomenal at-bats, taking some walks," Wakamatsu said. "This was a game of attrition."

Gonzalez threw 108 pitches in five innings of relief.

"We got the three-run lead and it was his only bad inning," Oakland manager Bob Geren said. "A couple walks that inning led to the runs. Other than that he threw the ball pretty well."

Sweeney hit a two-run homer for the Mariners in the fourth — the 200th home run of his career and first since April 26, 2008, with Oakland against Seattle.

"It's a small milestone for a big league player. But for a guy like me, a late-round draft pick, a guy who takes pride in my work ethic, it's quite an honor," said Sweeney, who nearly retired after the A's released him last season.


Jack Cust also hit a two-run shot for the A's.

A's rookie starter Josh Outman had held the Mariners to four hits over the first six innings, leaving with a 4-2 lead.

Rangers 5, White Sox 1: At Arlington, Texas, Ian Kinsler hit a record-tying leadoff home run and Matt Harrison pitched five scoreless innings to win his second consecutive start.

Kinsler's second leadoff homer in three games was the eighth of his career, tying the club record.

Harrison (2-2) escaped a bases-loaded jam in the fifth by retiring Carlos Quentin on a flyout with his 100th pitch.



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Bulls positive, but facing big decisions

By **ANDREW SELIGMAN**
The Associated Press

DEERFIELD, Ill. — The morning after the incredible first-round series, Joakim Noah couldn't believe the applause he heard when he wandered into a restaurant for breakfast.

"It was crazy," he said.
Imagine the roar had the Chicago Bulls actually won Game 7 Saturday at Boston.

While pushing the defending champions to a league-record four overtime games, winning one in triple OT and another in double OT, the Bulls certainly captured the imagination even if their season ended with a comparatively dull 109-99 loss.

With rookie of the year Derrick Rose leading the way, the future looks promising for a franchise that was in disarray last summer. The arrival of Rose with the No. 1 draft pick, the midseason trade that brought John Salmons and Brad Miller from Sacramento, and a late run lifted the Bulls to a 41-41 record and the Eastern Conference's seventh seed in their first season under coach Vinny Del Negro.

Now, there are decisions to be made. The biggest involves Ben Gordon — and it's not entirely management's to make.

The team's leading scorer the past four years is an unrestricted free agent. And although he would like to return, Gordon pointed out that he's had better luck converting jumpers than sealing longterm deals.



CHICAGO TRIBUNE, NUCCIO DINUZZO/MCT

Chicago Bulls Ben Gordon walks off the court as Boston Celtics fans taunt him after his team's 109-99 loss in Game 7 of their playoff series in Boston on Saturday. Gordon is an unrestricted free agent and his future with the team is uncertain.

He is 0-for-2 in contract negotiations the past two summers.

"I know what I have here," Gordon said. "I love all my teammates. I love this city. So I definitely, in an ideal world, would like

to be back here. That's the way I felt the last two summers and [a longterm contract] hasn't happened."

His teammates would like to have him back. So would his coach.

"Absolutely," Del Negro said. "Ben's been fantastic. Ben's a pro."

Added Luol Deng: "I love playing with Ben."

As a restricted free agent last summer, Gordon found few options and accepted the Bulls' \$6.4 million tender offer just before the deadline in early October. The market could be slow again, with only a handful of teams having cap room and LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh possibly hitting the market in 2010.

"Well, you only need one team, right?" Gordon said.

Whether Gordon helped his stock in the playoffs is open to debate. Sure, he averaged 24.3 points, scored 42 in Game 2 and hit the tying three-pointer to force double-overtime in Game 4, which Chicago won. But he also shot about 39 percent in the series.

While acknowledging money will "have a large part to do" with where he winds up, Gordon said his role will not. He said he's more concerned about contending for a championship than starting versus coming off the bench.

If Gordon re-signs and the rest of the backcourt returns, there could be a crowd — particularly if Deng is healthy after missing the final two months with a stress

fracture in his right tibia. That might mean more time at shooting guard for Salmons, who was arguably the Bulls' best player after the trade despite a strained left groin, and that could cut into playing time for Gordon and Kirk Hinrich.

It could also give Chicago depth and versatility.

Either way, the Bulls are certainly in a better place than they were a year ago.

They went from 49 victories in 2007 to 49 losses last season. But there's optimism now after Rose's stunning debut, the maturation of Noah and Tyrus Thomas and that edge-of-your-seats series against Boston.

The young big men both came on down the stretch and were big factors in the playoffs, with Noah averaging 10.1 points and 13.1 rebounds against Boston and Thomas contributing 9.6 and 6.3 while blocking just under three shots per game.

Rose looked like a star from the opening tip.

A Chicago native and top pick in the draft, he led the league's rookies with 6.3 assists per game while averaging 16.8 points and establishing himself as the franchise's first true cornerstone since Michael Jordan. While his to-do list this summer isn't long, it's not blank, either. He needs to improve his defense and jumper, get a better handle on when to attack and defer.

"He's 20 years old, was rookie of the year," Del Negro said. "He's had a fantastic season. He's only going to improve with his work ethic."

Nuggets rout Mavs in opener

By **ARNIE STAPLETON**
The Associated Press

DENVER — If not for Nene's breakout first half, Carmelo Anthony's fourth-quarter fireworks and Anthony Carter's defensive deftness wouldn't have mattered much.

Nene kept Denver in it until his teammates could turn this one into another laugh, scoring 18 of his playoff career-high 24 points in the first half of the Nuggets' 109-95 rout of the Dallas Mavericks on Sunday in the opener of their second-round series.

"Melo in foul trouble and kind of searching for an offensive confidence, we got it from Nene," Nuggets coach George Karl said. "The balance of our team has quietly been a strength of who we are. In the second half 'Melo got into the game, J.R. (Smith) jumped into the game and our defense was fantastic."

Nene, who beat testicular cancer last year, played more minutes than ever this season and over the last month he really hit a wall. In the Nuggets' five-game dispatch of New Orleans in the first round, he averaged 9.0 points and 7.8 rebounds.

His fantastic first half saved the Nuggets, who poured it on the second half thanks to 20 Dallas turnovers, eight by Jason Kidd, who turned over the ball just three times in the first round.

"Offensively, we were good," Karl said, "but defensively we were really good."

Thanks to their stifling defense, the Nuggets outscored the

Mavericks 29-4 on fast breaks, but the disparity that really bothered Dallas coach Rick Carlisle was the 36-13 advantage Denver had at the line.

"We're going to have to raise our level of aggression if that's what's going to get us to the free throw line," said Carlisle, who was particularly bothered that Dirk Nowitzki took just four foul shots plus a technical free throw.

"I'll look at that closely, and if the referees were right they were right. But he's being played very physically, away from the floor where the rules are different than in throw play," Carlisle said. "We'll look at it and if there's a complaint to be made we'll talk to the league about it."

Anthony found it funny that the Mavericks were complaining about whistles because he was in early foul trouble for what he considered questionable calls.

"Foul trouble didn't bother him, it didn't freak him out, it didn't take him to a dark side that we had to worry about," Karl said. "He trusted the team, the team did great and he came out in the second half and was a leader for us."

"His maturity, his mental involvement now is team and not individual ... I don't know who's given him that wisdom. Is it Chauncey (Billups)? Is it a gold medal? Is it the coaching staff? I don't care, I think he's doing a fantastic job."

Anthony scored 14 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter, including a dunk off Smith's be-

hind-the-back assist that rocked the arena.

Nowitzki led Dallas with 28 points and 10 boards, and Josh Howard, Kidd and Jason Terry each scored 15.

Game 2 is Tuesday night at the Pepsi Center, where the Nuggets have won 14 straight.

The Nuggets led 82-80 when they iced it with a 15-4 run. It began with two free throws and a bucket from Chris Andersen, who blocked six shots, and two fouls shots and a jumper from Anthony.

From there on, it was the brand of basketball the Nuggets have been playing all season, with Billups and Carter taking turns leading the way at both ends of the floor.

"That's how we win," Billups said. "We win with our numbers and not just one or two guys having big nights."

Nowitzki, who scored 13 of the Mavericks' first 17 points, was thrown to the floor by Kenyon Martin in the first quarter and didn't get an open look the rest of the day.

"I felt like in the first quarter I had some good looks there and after that, they really made me work for everything I got," Nowitzki said.

In the first half, Erick Dampier turned his left ankle and Howard, who missed two 11-game stretches this season with a bum left ankle, turned his right one.

"I can't avoid injuries," Howard said. "Right now I could get hurt walking off a plane."

NBA scoreboard

Playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-seven)
Eastern Conference
Cleveland vs. Atlanta
Tuesday: Atlanta at Cleveland
Thursday: Atlanta at Cleveland
Saturday: Cleveland at Atlanta
Monday, May 11: Cleveland at Atlanta
Wednesday, May 13: Atlanta at Cleveland
Friday, May 15: Cleveland at Atlanta
Monday, May 18: Atlanta at Cleveland

Boston vs. Orlando
Monday: Orlando at Boston
Wednesday: Orlando at Boston
Friday: Boston at Orlando
Sunday, May 10: Boston at Orlando
Tuesday, May 12: Orlando at Boston
Thursday, May 14: Boston at Orlando
Sunday, May 17: Orlando at Boston

Western Conference
L.A. Lakers vs. Houston
Monday: Houston at L.A. Lakers
Wednesday: Houston at L.A. Lakers
Friday: L.A. Lakers at Houston
Sunday, May 10: L.A. Lakers at Houston

Tuesday, May 12: Houston at L.A. Lakers

Thursday, May 14: L.A. Lakers at Houston

Sunday, May 17: Houston at L.A. Lakers

Denver vs. Dallas
Sunday: Denver 109, Dallas 95, Denver leads series 1-0

Tuesday: Dallas at Denver
Saturday: Denver at Dallas
Monday, May 11: Denver at Dallas
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Friday, May 15: Denver at Dallas
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* — If necessary

Sunday Hawks 91, Heat 78

MIAMI — J.Jones 1-5 4-4 6, Haslem 5-10 4-4 14, Anthony 1-2 0-0 2, Chalmers 1-6 2-2 4, Wade 10-25 9-9 31, Beasley 7-12 1-4 17, Cook 0-1 2-2 2, O'Neal 0-1 0-0 0, Magloire 0-0 0-0 0, Quinn 1-1 0-0 2, Diawara 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-63 22-25 78.

ATLANTA — Evans 0-1 0-0 0, Smith 7-12 7-8 21, Horford 3-9 1-2 7, Bibby 3-10 3-3 11, Johnson 10-19 1-2 27, Murray 4-14 4-4 15, Pachulia 1-2 6-8, West 0-2 0-0 0, S.Jones 1-2 0-0 2, Law 0-0 0-0 0, Morris 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-71 22-25 91.

Three-Point Goals—Miami 4-19 (Beasley 2-4, Wade 2-9, Cook 0-1, Chalmers 0-2, J.Jones 0-3), Atlanta 11-23 (Johnson 6-8, Murray 3-9, Bibby 2-4, Smith 0-1, Evans 0-1). **Fouled Out**—Smith, Rebounds—Miami 48 (Haslem 13), Atlanta 37 (Smith 9). **Assists**—Miami 12 (Chalmers, Wade 4), Atlanta 18 (Bibby 6). **Total Fouls**—Miami 22, Atlanta 20. **Technical**—Pachulia, West. **Flagrant**—Cook—Haslem. **Ejected**—Haslem. A—18,864 (18,729).



JACK DEMPSEY/AP

Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki, front, gets tangled up with Denver Nuggets forward Chris Andersen while pursuing a loose ball in the fourth quarter of the Nuggets' 109-95 victory in Game 1 of their Western Conference semifinal series in Denver on Sunday.

Nuggets 109, Mavericks 95

DALLAS — Howard 7-16 1-2 15, Nowitzki 12-22 4-5 28, Dampier 1-4 1-2 3, Kidd 6-10 1-2 15, Barea 2-4 0-0 4, Hollins 2-4 2-2 6, Terry 6-13 0-0 15, Bass 1-4 0-0 2, Singleton 1-1 0-0 2, Wright 1-1 0-0 3, Green 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 40-82 9-13 95.

DENVER — Anthony 7-10 7-7 23, Martin 3-8 2-4 8, Nene 9-13 6-7 24, Billups 2-8 0-0 6, Jones 3-6 3-3 9, Smith 7-13 1-5 15, Kleiza 0-1 0-0 0, Andersen 3-5 5-8 11, Carter 6-8 0-0 12, Petro 0-1 1-2 1, Hart 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-73 25-36 109.

Three-Point Goals—Dallas 6-18 (Terry 3-7, Kidd 2-3, Wright 1-1, Nowitzki 0-1), Barea 0-2, Howard 0-4), Denver 4-12 (Anthony 2-3, Billups 2-4, Carter 0-1, Jones 0-1, Kleiza 0-1, Smith 0-2). **Fouled Out**—None. **Rebounds**—Dallas 47 (Nowitzki 10), Denver 43 (Andersen 6). **Assists**—Dallas 17 (Barea 5), Denver 28 (Billups, Smith 6). **Total Fouls**—Dallas 29, Denver 19. **Technical**—Martin. A—19,631 (19,155).

O'Hair gets redemption at Quail Hollow

By DOUG FERGUSON
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Tiger Woods was the last person Sean O'Hair wanted to see.

It was Monday of Masters week at Augusta, Ga., just eight days after O'Hair squandered a five-shot lead and watched the world's No. 1 player celebrate at his expense.

"I was playing a practice round and I saw Tiger, and he looked over and I kind of nodded, and he said something. And I'm like, 'That son of a gun,'" O'Hair said with a laugh.

It was a reminder of everything that had gone wrong at Bay Hill.

They ran into each other again Sunday evening in the Quail Hollow Championship, the circumstances entirely different.

With a dozen players in contention on a course that felt like a major, O'Hair was the only one in the final nine groups to break 70. As one player after another failed to capitalize on birdie chances, O'Hair came through with a tough two-putt birdie from 70 feet on the 15th hole, followed by an 8-iron to 8 feet for birdie on the 16th.

That enabled him to close with two bogeys on the two toughest holes at Quail Hollow, giving him a 3-under 69. It held up for a one-shot victory when Lucas Glover's birdie chip from behind the 18th green trailed off to the left.

Woods was still outside the clubhouse when he saw O'Hair, enough time for a quick embrace and to offer congratulations.



CHUCK BURTON/AP

Sean O'Hair lines up a putt on the 18th hole Sunday during the final round of the Quail Hollow Championship at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, N.C. O'Hair shot a 69 to win the tournament by a stroke.

"It was cool that he came up and did that," O'Hair said.

This was a reminder of how far O'Hair has come in such a short time.

Five weeks after that collapse, the 26-year-old was determined to keep putting himself into contention on the back nine Sunday until he figured out how to win down the stretch.

The time came Sunday at Quail Hollow.

O'Hair rallied from a three-shot deficit for a one-shot victory over Glover (71) and Bubba Watson (70), with Woods in his rear-view mirror throughout the back nine.

Woods finished with 10 straight pars, including a three-putt from 25 feet after driving the par-4

14th green. He wound up with a 72 to finish two shots behind.

O'Hair has a history of not folding. He was driven by a relentless father and forced to turn pro when he was 16, still a junior in high school. He managed to break away, got married, and he and wife Jackie traveled the mini-tours in a 40-foot bus, sometimes unable to play because they

didn't have money for the entry fee, often playing for their next meal.

"Losing (stunk) at Bay Hill," O'Hair said. "Even though it's tough to lose like that, to lose a five-shot lead against Tiger, you still learn from it. I talked to my coach. I talked to my caddie, Paul (Tesori). And we just all said all I have to do is keep putting myself in those situations, and at some point I'm going to learn how to win. It's just nice to win as quickly as I did after Bay Hill."

It wasn't easy.

Even with a shaky swing, Woods' presence loomed at Quail Hollow. He spun back a delicate pitch shot to tap-in range for birdie on the eighth hole to get within one shot of the lead at the time, and appeared to be hitting his stride.

Instead, he hit it into the trees on the par-5 10th, eliminating a good chance at birdie. And he kept coming up well short of the pin, unable to produce the right trajectory for the wind.

But nothing stung worse than the 14th, with fans waving white towels at the sight of his ball tumbling down the fairway and stopping just inside 25 feet from the cup for a chance at eagle, with a par 5 awaiting on the next hole.

Woods ultimately had to make a 5-footer just to save par.

"I had my opportunity there at 14. I made a mistake there," Woods said. "I knew the green was baked out. It was downwind, and I didn't heed my own warning, and ended up putting too hard."

Sports briefs

Leipheimer, Armstrong take top two spots in Gila

The Associated Press

PINOS ALTOS, N.M. — The last big test for Lance Armstrong before the Giro d'Italia was more than 105 miles of steep roads and windy descents in the mountains of southwestern New Mexico.

It was the hardest stage of the Tour of the Gila, but Armstrong and his teammates, Levi Leipheimer and Chris Horner, passed the test. The Astana riders, who entered the five-day event as independents, used the tour as a tune up for the upcoming race in Italy.

Leipheimer won the Tour of the Gila on Sunday after finishing first in two of the early stages and coming in third behind Armstrong in the last stage, dubbed the Gila Monster. Armstrong moved up in the overall classification from fourth to second after Sunday's stage.

Cowboys assistant set for surgery

IRVING, Texas — The Dallas Cowboys' special teams coach was set for surgery Monday on his fractured cervical vertebrae after the team's tentlike practice facility collapsed in fierce wind.

Government inspectors were on site and began investigating the collapse, said Elizabeth Todd, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Officials with the city of Irving were examining construction and inspection paperwork regarding the \$4 million structure built in 2003.

Joe DeCamillis was one of 12 people injured and three Cowboys staff members still in the hospital following Saturday's accident. The Cowboys didn't immediately return a call regarding whether surgery on the 43-year-old assistant had begun early Monday.

The most seriously injured was Rich Behm, the team's 33-year-old scouting assistant who was permanently paralyzed from the waist down after his spine was severed. Behm and assistant athletic trainer Greg Gaither, 35, remained hospitalized. Gaither had surgery on his fractured upper and lower right leg and was expected to be released this week.

The company that built the facility — Summit Structures LLC of Allentown, Pa. — said the roof had been replaced in 2008. The statement said proper engineering was used during the original construction and the installation of the new roof.

Indy testing begins Tuesday

INDIANAPOLIS — Seven veterans who have had limited track time in the past year are expected to begin the Indianapolis 500 rookie orientation program along with six first-year drivers.

Former Champ Car Series champion Paul Tracy is among the veterans who will take part on Tuesday. Others are John Andretti, A.J. Foyt IV, Davey Hamilton, former winner Buddy Lazier, Alex Lloyd and Scott Sharp.

The six rookies are Robert Doornbos, Raphael Matos, Stanton Barrett, Mike Conway, Nelson Philippe and Alex Tagliani.

Full practice for the May 24 race begins Wednesday.

Worsham earns first victory of season

MADISON, Ill. — Del Worsham raced to his first victory of the season in Funny Car and first victory with Alan Johnson Al-Anabi Racing on Sunday in the NHRA Midwest Nationals at Gateway International Raceway.

Antron Brown (Top Fuel), Jeg Coughlin (Pro Stock) and Eddie Krawiec (Pro Stock Motorcycle) also won in their respective categories.

Ross returns to Cardinals

TEMPE, Ariz. — The Arizona Cardinals signed free agent offensive tackle Oliver Ross to a one-year contract on Monday.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed. Ross, 34, rejoins the Cardinals after missing the past two seasons with injuries. He played in 23 games with Arizona in 2005 and 2006, starting 17.

Ross spent the 2007 season on injured-reserve with Arizona with a triceps injury and spent 2008 on injured-reserve with New England with a shoulder injury.

Recruit Wall charged with misdemeanor

RALEIGH, N.C. — One of the nation's most sought-after basketball recruits has

been charged with a misdemeanor breaking and entering after police found him walking out of a vacant house in North Carolina, police said Monday.

John Wall, 18, was detained briefly April 27 in Raleigh, but not arrested. He and two other teenagers were cited. Police said there was no indication of forced entry at the empty house or that anything was taken.

Wall, a point guard at Raleigh Word of God, was voted The Associated Press men's prep basketball player of the year for North Carolina in March.

He has not announced a college choice, but has been pursued by Duke, North Carolina State, Kansas, Memphis, Miami and Kentucky, among others.

Jackson returns to Storm

SEATTLE — Two-time MVP Lauren Jackson is returning to the Seattle Storm this season.

Storm coach Brian Agler made the announcement Monday, but declined to disclose the terms of Jackson's new contract.

The 27-year-old Jackson has spent her entire WNBA career in Seattle, leading the Storm to the league championship in 2004. She has averaged 19.4 points and 8.0 rebounds, and is the franchise leader in scoring with 4,602 points.

Jackson, an unrestricted free agent, picked the Storm over the Phoenix Mercury.

SPORTS



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Words, maybe more, will fly

Rockets' Artest already jawing; Kobe expects a 'fun' matchup

By **BERNIE WILSON**
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Kobe Bryant missed practice Sunday because of a sore throat, which raised few worries among the Los Angeles Lakers.

If anything, it might just mean a little less trash talk between Bryant and Ron Artest when the Lakers host the Houston Rockets in Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinals on Monday night.

"We know when it's game time he's going to come out and be ready to play no matter what's going on," teammate Shannon Brown said. "It's definitely going to take more than a sore throat. He's got to be missing some limbs for him not to come out there and be ready to play the game."

The top-seeded Lakers were off a week after eliminating the Utah Jazz in five games and waiting for the fifth-seeded Rockets to finish off Portland in six games. Houston advanced to the second round for the first time since 1997.

The most intriguing matchup, of course, will be Bryant, last year's league MVP, against Artest and Shane Battier.

Bryant and Artest shoved and jawed their way through a 102-96 Lakers victory at Houston on March 11.

"It wasn't much of a battle," Bryant said after scoring 37 points that night. "I kicked his [butt] tonight."

Los Angeles won the season series 4-0, dominating the fourth quarter of each game. Bryant averaged 28.3 points.

"I can see us playing better. The first time we played them T-Mac was hurt," Artest said, referring to Tracy McGrady. "One time we played them at home I didn't play. The next time we played them in L.A. we just got rid of Rafer [Alston], a new team. The last time we played them in L.A., that was a good game. We finally had our team, but they still got us in the fourth quarter."

The Rockets were all but written off when McGrady had season-ending knee surgery in February.

"I think we'll do it now," Artest said. "It wasn't only the Lakers, it was also Memphis and Minnesota, Dallas, Chicago where we didn't execute in the fourth."

In a recent TV interview, Artest called Portland guard Brandon Roy "the best player I've played against." Better than Bryant and Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James? Artest reiterated his initial statement.

On Saturday, Bryant remained rela-

tively quiet about playing against Artest. "It's fun," Bryant said. "He's obviously a great defensive player so I look forward to it."

The Rockets talked about their late-game struggles against the Lakers.

"They really took it to us in the fourth quarter," coach Rick Adelman said. "We were in every game at the end of three, and the fourth quarter, they dominated. They really turned it up a notch. Usually in all four games Kobe really got aggressive. So it's pretty constant."

"You have to make him work for everything. You're not going to stop him, you're not going to shut him down, but you've got to make him work. That's the advantage we have, throw both guys [Battier and Artest] at him and maybe we can wear him down a little bit."

"It's a team thing. The team has to be in position to help."

On the flip side, the Lakers had three second-half letdowns against the Jazz, including blowing a 13-point third-quarter lead in Game 3 and losing by two points. Even in the clincher, with a number of subs in, they let the Jazz shave a 22-point lead to six before winning 107-96.

Derek Fisher, for one, is sure the Lakers won't be overconfident and complacent.

"I just think the way our season ended last season just all puts us in the same boat of not wanting our season to end where we lost our last game," Fisher said, referring to losing the NBA Finals in six games to the Boston Celtics. "So even if there are moments of complacency or where it appears there's not a sense of urgency, we believe strongly and collectively that that's not the case."

Andrew Bynum, the Lakers' former starting center, could see more playing time to help defend Yao Ming. He played just 15 minutes per game against Utah as he tried to regain form after a long absence because of a knee injury.

"I think he's really revved up for this," coach Phil Jackson said. "He's excited about it and we hope that he stays under control and remembers his principles about defense and rebounding, and the offense will just come."

Yao's pumped, too. Asked if he likes the Rockets being big underdogs, he asked, "What is an underdog?"

When told it meant people expect them to lose, Yao said: "I'm used to that. Don't worry about it. I'm used to it."

AP Sports Writer Kristie Rieken in Houston contributed to this report.



DON RYAN/AP

Rockets guard Ron Artest (right) fouls Trail Blazers guard Brandon Roy during their playoff series, won by Houston. Artest, known as a strong defender, said Roy was the best he's played against. Now he'll have to guard the Lakers' Kobe Bryant in the second round.



CHRIS CARLSON/AP

Lakers guard Kobe Bryant said little in response to Houston's Ron Artest calling Portland's Brandon Roy the best player he's played against, but the last time the teams met, Bryant scored 37 points and said then "it wasn't much of a battle. I kicked his [butt]."

LeBron is MVP of NBA

By **TOM WITHERS**
The Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — Unstoppable at both ends of the floor this season, LeBron James claimed the league MVP on Monday, receiving the award in the high school gym where he first made his name.

The Cleveland Cavaliers star won what some expected to be a close vote in a slam dunk. He received 109 of a possible 121 first-place votes to easily outdistance Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers. James totaled 1,172 points in balloting by media members in the U.S. and Canada.

Bryant, last year's winner, got two first-place votes and finished with 698 points. Miami guard Dwyane Wade was third with 680 points and was named first on seven ballots. Orlando center Dwight Howard (328) was fourth followed by New Orleans guard Chris Paul (192).

James is the first Cavaliers player to win the award. He averaged 28.4 points, 7.6 rebounds and 7.2 assists this season, his sixth as a pro. He also finished second in voting for defensive player of the year, making him perhaps the league's most dominant two-way player since Michael Jordan.

At 24 years, 106 days on the final day of the regular season, James is the youngest player to win the award since Moses Malone (24 years, 16 days) in 1978-79. Wes Unseld was 23 when he won it in 1968-69.

"It takes a lot of sweat," said Cleveland general manager Danny Ferry. "I've been fortunate enough to watch him sweat the past four years when no one else was around. I just want to acknowledge that and give it a round of applause."

He started a career-high 81 games and set personal bests in field-goal (49) and free-throw (79) percentages as well as blocks (93). James became the second player to post five straight seasons of at least 27 points, six rebounds and six assists. The other is Oscar Robertson, whose extraordinarily versatile game is the one to which James' is most often compared.

James nearly averaged a triple-double — 32 points, 11.3 rebounds and 7.5 assists — as the top-seeded Cavaliers breezed through the first round of the playoffs, sweeping the Detroit Pistons.